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SPORTS

Wrestling team defeats Mio, Pinconning in season opener



The Vikings of Grayling High School got off to a solid start in wrestling last week, posting a second place tournament finish on Saturday and defeating Mio and Pinconning in a meet held on Wednesday night. **1B**

Bucks outscore Vikings 8-1 in final 2:30 to win 40-30



The GHS varsity girls basketball team opened its 2008-2009 season with a 40-30 nonconference loss at Roscommon High School on Wednesday night. The game was tied early in the fourth period, but the Bucks pulled away down the stretch to win by 10 points. **1B**

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Lending Santa a helping hand



Crawford County Community Christian Help Center Interim Director Marianne Gosnell (left) stocks toys with the help of volunteer Dee Atwood (right). So far, the center has received 417 toys from community donations, which is still below target. Gosnell said she has high hopes that they will collect more toy donations by the time distribution is scheduled to begin on Dec. 12. "The closer we get to Christmas, usually the more we get," Gosnell said.

Agreement nearing for fire department dispute

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

On the eve of a lawsuit settlement conference in the 46th Circuit Trial Court last week, the Grayling Charter Township Board approved a fire department agreement which is being reviewed by Grayling City officials.

The Grayling Charter Township Board approved a mutual fire protection contract on Wednesday, Dec. 2. A lawsuit settlement conference with 46th Circuit Trial Court Judge Dennis F. Murphy was held on Thursday, Dec. 4.

In January, the township board authorized a lawsuit against the City of Grayling. Township officials were seeking the return of a committee of township and city officials to oversee the operations of the Grayling City/Township Fire Department.

The lawsuit was prompted after failed negotiations to renew a mutual operating agreement between the city and the township which expired in June 2007.

The Grayling City Council has proposed that the Grayling City/Township Fire Department be considered as a department of the city and administered by Grayling City Manager David Thayer.

In September, the township board and city council met to discuss a 2009 operating agreement for the Grayling City/Township Fire Department, which was sent to the township in June. A mediation was also held between the parties in June.

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Grab and Go gets breakfast in students' bellies

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling Elementary School fifth grader Bobbie Jo Benson enjoys starting her day eating cereal bars for breakfast. When it's time to choose an ideal morning snack for fourth grader Derick Richardson, he prefers string cheese.

In November, the Crawford AuSable School District started a school breakfast program called Grab and Go. Lunch room staff are stationed by the gymnasium at the entrance of the school with bags of food on a cart. The bags contain granola bars, cereal bars, string cheese, bagels, yogurt, muffins and juice or milk.

In just a month's time, participation has nearly doubled, from 50 students participating in the Grab and Go program to 100 students enjoying the quick and convenient meals.

Increasing participation in the school breakfast programs is part of an initiative called Michigan School Breakfast Challenge. The Michigan Department of Education and the United Dairy Industry of Michigan have joined forces for the project.

See **GRAB AND GO** | 2A



A milk mustache contest, similar to the "Got Milk?" advertisements that feature celebrities and athletes, was held to kick off the Grab and Go breakfast program at the Grayling Middle School. Above, Mikayla Duncel and Courtney Hatfield show off their milk mustaches.

New regulations in effect for homes built in 2009

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Nearly every home in America has fire detectors. Pretty soon, home fire sprinklers might be just as common. In fact, automatic sprinklers are just one of the many requirements for new homes built in Michigan in the near future.

Michigan lawmakers have added 24 new requirements to the statewide building code, most of which will be effective at the beginning of the new year. These new requirements apply to both contractors and private citizens.

These are the first additions to the statewide residential building code since 2003.

In order to answer questions and help with the transition, local building inspectors and safety officials will be hosting a public meeting at the Grayling Township Offices on

Dec. 17 from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m.

"Probably the biggest one is that ... all basements will have to have a separate emergency exit," County Director of Building & Zoning Joseph Duran said.

The staircase used to access the basement is no longer sufficient as an emergency exit.

Although codes like the tightened basement regulation are primarily the concern of contractors, other aspects of the code update will impact non professional building projects as well.

For example, pole barns more than 3,000 square feet in size will now be governed by stricter construction requirements.

In a more general way, the laundry list of new regulations will increase the cost of building new homes, as the implementation of additional emergency exits and other new required features will cost

contractors extra to install.

"Yeah, those are costs ... sometimes \$1,000 really impacts the budget," Duran said.

Nonetheless, he added that, despite the added cost, he believes that the code additions serve a valuable purpose.

"Health, safety and welfare. That's what the code's all about," Duran said.

Some changes will be very noticeable. By 2011, automatic fire sprinkler systems will be required in nearly all new Michigan homes. Today, these systems are installed in hardly any homes at all.

Energy conservation is also targeted by the code. In response to the nation's large energy usage, states and the federal government have been seeking ways to cut back on unnecessary energy loss.

In 2006, the state developed a strict new code to improve energy

efficiency in new homes. One of the mandates of this code is that underground crawl spaces must now be insulated.

Although this strict energy efficiency code has been highly contested for nearly three years, it has finally been officially implemented.

These new regulations do not apply to homes that were built before they were implemented. The only exception is if an addition is made to a home that increases its size by 50 percent or more. In this case, the entire home must be made compliant with the new standards.

Precise details on all 24 additions to the building code will be available at the Dec. 17 meeting. Duran encourages all interested parties to attend.

"We can work with people right now and slowly introduce them into it," Duran said.

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

In just a month's time, participation has nearly doubled, from 50 Grayling Elementary School students participating in the Grab and Go program to 100 students enjoying the quick and convenient meals. Above, Grayling Elementary fifth grader Charles Greene purchases a Grab and Go bag from food services manager Kathy Piehl.

Grab and Go gets breakfast in students' bellies

Continued from 1A
School districts were challenged earlier this year to

increase breakfast participation by 50 percent. If the goal is met, Michigan will serve more than 50 million breakfasts to students throughout the school year.

Studies show that eating breakfast improves academic performance, results in better school attendance and punctuality, results in better scores on standardized tests, results in better behavior in the classroom, helps achieve a healthy weight and establishes lifelong healthy habits.

Consuming milk, yogurt and cheese plays a critical role in bone growth in a youngster's growing years. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends three servings of milk or an equivalent per day for children ages 4 to 8 and four servings of milk or an equivalent per day for adolescents.

Skipping breakfast increases as children age and appears to be more common in certain minority or low socioeconomic groups. In addition, breakfast skippers are more likely to be overweight than those who eat breakfast regularly.

Limited family income, time constraints and lack of appetite in the morning are some of the reasons children skip breakfast according to the National Dairy Council.

Mike Dunckel, the business manager and acting food services director for the Crawford AuSable School District, said the Grab and Go program is just another way to help students boost performance in the classroom.

"All in all, we're doing this for better education," Dunckel said.

Fliers and signs with a crowing rooster mascot were used to promote Grab and Go at the Grayling Elementary School. The program was introduced at the Grayling Middle School this week. A milk mustache contest, similar to the "Got Milk?" advertisements that feature celebrities and athletes, was held to kick off the breakfast program at the Grayling Middle School. Students were also quizzed on the benefits of starting the day eating breakfast.

Dunckel said the excitement over the program has spread like wildfire.

"The kids really promoted it themselves and they did all the marketing themselves," Dunckel said.

A version of Grab and Go will be implemented at the Grayling High School in January. The AuSable Primary School

will also get on board with the program after the start of the year. The entire school district will be involved in the Grab and Go program by the time National School Breakfast week is celebrated in March.

"I wish every kid would eat breakfast and lunch at school and that's our goal," Dunckel said.

Grayling Elementary fifth grader Charles Greene said he enjoys eating the most important meal of the day amongst his buddies.

"I like being with friends and eating breakfast outside," Greene said.

Benson said she likes the Grab and Go program because it's less hectic than eating in the cafeteria.

"I like being able to go into the gym or the library instead of being in a noisy lunchroom," Benson said.

Richardson appreciates the convenience of the Grab and Go program.

"You just come through the door and it's right there," he said.

The price of the Grab and Go breakfast is \$1.65. Students eligible for free and reduced lunches receive Grab and Go meals at a discounted price or at no charge.

The U.S. Congress authorized the creation of the School Breakfast Program in 1966 as a pilot project. The program, administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, became a permanent food and nutrition initiative in 1975. Over the past 40 years, the School Breakfast Program has grown from serving 80,000 children to over 10 million children being served in 2007.

Boosting breakfast participation can be included in a school district's wellness plans and policies, which are mandated by the federal government.

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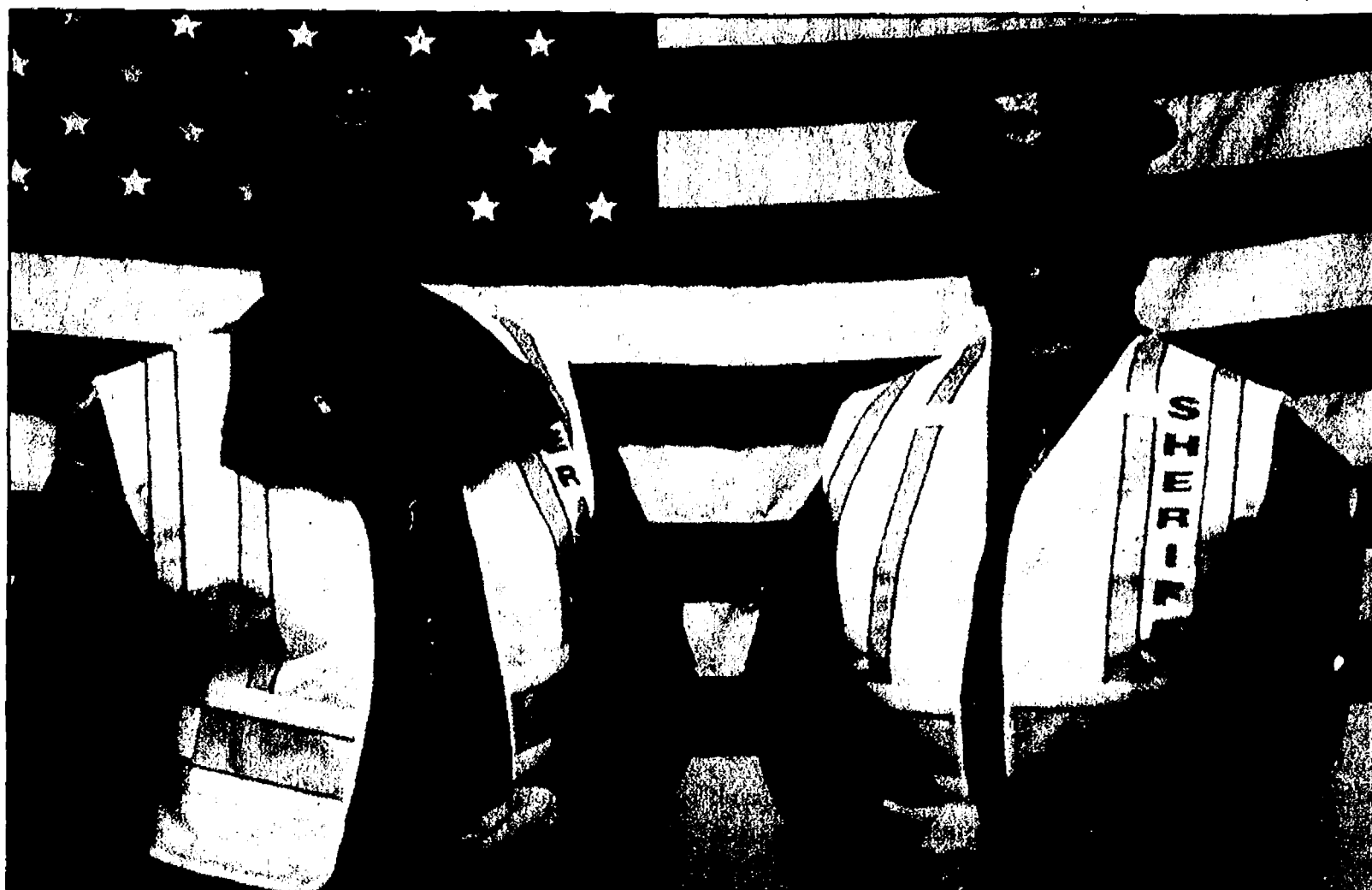
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High visibility vests were recently received by the Crawford County Sheriff's Office for use when they are patrolling a traffic accident or directing traffic. Use of the vests was mandated by the National Fire Protection Agency Federal Highway Administration. Above, Deputies John McDonald and Conrad Niederhouse display the vests.

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by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

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Use of the vests was mandated by the National Fire Protection Agency Federal Highway Administration for when they are responding to incidents.

All employees, including police officers and firefighters operating within the right of ways of roads that receive federal funding and who are exposed to traffic, are mandated to have the vests. The mandate also applies to employees oper-

ating construction equipment such as Department of Public Works employees and employees who work for trash companies.

"It's for the benefit of the officers and firefighters and it has their best interest in mind," Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said.

Florescent material for the vests appears brighter in low light conditions, such as dawn, dusk or overcast weather. Reflective material on the vests also allows officers to be seen farther away and gives motorists more time to react.

Of all the officers killed in the line of duty, being struck by an automobile is the third leading cause of death.

A critical feature of the vests provides a five-point break away, at the shoulders, waist and in the front, which provides increased

safety if the vest becomes hooked on a passing vehicle. In addition, the deputies can also release themselves from the vests if they get into a scuffle with a pedestrian at an emergency scene.

The vests also provide easy access to equipment worn on the officer's belt. There are tabs to hold a radio microphone and pens and letters that identify the officers as sheriff's deputies.

"Those are all things they take into consideration," Wakefield said. "You're better off wearing it all the time."

A barcode links the vest to the deputy that it is assigned to and provides a provision that the sheriff's office is complying with the federal mandate.

Wakefield said that it cost about \$2,000 to outfit all of the road patrol deputies,

reserve officers, marine and snowmobile patrol officers and the sheriff's office's transport vehicle with the vests.

"It's just another hoop that we have to jump through," Wakefield said.

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Historical society has new board members

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Sometimes history has a lot to do with staying up to date. Having recently completed major roof renovations, the Crawford County Historical Society is moving forward with a new board of directors and new plans for the museum.

"We're going to continue to preserve Crawford County's heritage," Historical Society Chair Steve Doyle said.

The biggest change is the addition of several new board members, including Nancy Stone, Kim VanNuck, Karen Ayers and Rosemary Nelson.

"We increased the amount of board members because we had such excitement about it," long-time board member Kay Cosgray said.

She added that recently increased community awareness of the historical society may be what is attracting new board members.

"They've already taken on projects ... each and every one of them," Doyle said. "I'm proud of the members that we currently have."

Individual board members are handling specific responsibilities within the organization. Kim VanNuck is the new treasurer.

Karen Ayers will be coordinating the yearly Home/Lodge Tour event and Nelson will be coordinating volunteers and running the gift shop.

"Hopefully we plan on expanding our merchandising," Doyle said.

Meanwhile, the board also intends to move forward with additional build-

ing renovations.

"We need to paint the building, plus we need to replace some rotten wood in the depot," Doyle said.

Specifically, wood around the base of the building and outside the window sills needs to be replaced. Doyle is confident that continued community support will make these improvements possible.

"We've been very fortunate being supported by a local citizen group, plus the locals of Crawford County," Doyle said.

He added that the historical museum continues to be an important community resource because it is "more than just dates and things of that nature."

"We can't look ahead without looking back ... and we learn from our past," Doyle said.

A Time for Giving

The holidays inspire us to be the people we always hoped we would be - more thoughtful, idealistic, and generous than our everyday selves. It was in that spirit four years ago that I listened to the urging of friends and decided to run for a seat on the CASD school board.

I also had concerns. Concerns about the level of mistrust I was hearing from the community, a mistrust of the leadership of our schools. Concerns of how the future of local education would face the projected increasing financial pressures. I felt it was the right time to volunteer to do what I could to help.

My son asked me, "Dad, why are you doing this?" I asked him to look up the definition of philanthropy in the dictionary. It describes more than giving money. It also can be the donation of time, services, or knowledge. In short, freely giving anything you have that may help others. "Doug," I told him, "sometimes we all need to do whatever we can to help."

I am pleased and proud of what has been accomplished in the past three years by our students, our teachers, our staff, our administration, and our board. Our schools are stronger, working better, and are increasingly focused on supporting excellence in student achievement. Other school districts admire and try to emulate us. Our children's academic scores are rising steadily. Our teachers are creating innovative learning experiences that excite both parents and students. Our board and administration have made the quality of our student's education their top priority, and have shown the kind of tough-minded approach to the finances that keeps such quality at the top.

Recently, I felt called again to volunteer as medical doctor of our local free clinic. As I balanced these commitments in my mind, I realized that it is time for me to open up the opportunity for others to serve on our school board. I have therefore chosen to step down from my elected position as a CASD board member, effective December 22, 2008.

It is a great gift to be allowed to serve our community. If you have an interest in serving on our school board, please contact our superintendent Joe Powers, or any member of our board.

Thank you all, and happy holidays!
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Issues and Opinions



Almanack

by Richard Milliman

College presidents enjoy fat pay checks

CAMPUS PAY — Presidents of public research universities, by and large, do all right on pay day, and their compensation went up by an average of 7.6 percent last year.

A survey by the Chronicle of Higher Education shows that last year presidents of 15 public research universities were paid more than \$500,000 a year, and private universities generally pay even more.

The top public university pay in the country went to Ohio State University President E. Gordon Gee at \$1,346,255.

Michigan universities are pikers in comparison. Top Michigan public pay was paid to University of Michigan's President Mary Sue Coleman at \$760,196, with Michigan State's President Lou Anna Simon next at \$572,000. Both presidents have donated part of their raises back to their schools, and President Simon declined any increase this year.

Other Michigan public pay levels include John

Dunn at Western Michigan \$447,950, Michael Rao at Central Michigan at \$435,050, and former President Irvin Reid at Wayne State \$428,596.

On the private side, President David Sargent of Boston's Suffolk University was tops in the country at \$2,800,461, according to the survey. Next in line were presidents of Vanderbilt, Northwestern, Columbia (who is Lee Bollinger, former U of M president) and Rensselaer Polytechnic.

Figures cited are total compensation package, including retirement and other fringes.

TO GAIN PERSPECTIVE, here's another set of compensation figures, these for football coaches.

Ohio State Coach Jim Tressel leads the Big Ten in compensation at an estimated \$3 million — already twice as much as top pay for a public university president, also Ohio State, and going up another \$500,000 early next year.

Coaches Kirk Ferentz at

Iowa is at \$2.87 million, and Rich Rodriguez at Michigan (with a 3-9 record this year) is at \$2.5 million. Six other Big Ten coaches are at \$1 million or more, and only two — at Northwestern and Indiana — are at less than that.

These, too, are "annual compensation" figures, and some performance bonuses usually are available. Michigan State's Mark Dantonio, for example, has a five-year contract for \$5.5 million, with bonuses possible for win-loss record, conference standing, bowl games and individual coaching honors.

The moral of the story seems to be for young folks to aspire to be a football coach rather than a college administrator, although such a maxim likely only applies at public universities.

I wonder what the football coaches at Suffolk or Rensselaer Polytech are paid.

POLITICAL ROYALTY — Has America developed its own line of royalty?

Recent headlines might indicate it.

President Elect Barack Obama, in making his appointments to key jobs in the new administration, picked Hillary Clinton for secretary of state. Of course, she must leave her job as US senator from New York.

Headline No. 1: "Caroline Kennedy Looking at Senate."

Meanwhile, down in Florida, Republican US Sen. Mel Martinez announced he won't run in 2010 for another term.

Headline No. 2: "Bush Considers Run for Senate."

Consider what could happen.

Caroline Kennedy is the daughter of President John F. Kennedy, and niece of Sen. Edward Kennedy, one of the longest serving members in congress. Another uncle, Robert Kennedy, was attorney general, senator from New York, and leading candidate for a presidential nomination when he was assassinated in 1968.

Caroline Kennedy also is

cousin to a couple of other members of congress, and her grandfather was Ambassador to the Court of St. James (Great Britain) back in the FDR Administration. The Kennedy name is legend in American politics and government, including presidential politics, and goes back 70 years or so.

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THE FLORIDA BUSH is Jeb Bush, former governor of Florida, brother of outgoing President (and former Texas governor) George W. Bush, son of former President George H.W. Bush (whose Washington tenure also included congress, cabinet level jobs, diplomatic and international service), and grandson of a US senator, Prescott Bush. The Bush family also has been prominent in American politics and government almost as long as the Kennedy family.

It's true that family usually helps in politics, but has America developed its own version of a royal line?

Can we expect Kennedys

and Bushes somewhere in the top echelons of American politics and government forever?

Perhaps Hillary and Bill Clinton belong in a special category of political royalty. Hillary Clinton was America's First Lady when President Bill Clinton ruled for eight years. Before that they were the most successful political team in Arkansas for many years when he was attorney general and governor.

Ms. Clinton was elected to the US Senate from New York, then ran for president with an exciting and almost successful national campaign. Now she is headed for world-wide prominence as America's chief diplomat and our representative around the world.

As a dynasty, the Clintons may be a stretch, but it sure looks like the Kennedys and the Bushes are here to stay.

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Letters to the Editor

Complaints should be directed to corporate companies, not local companies

To the editor:

This letter is in regards to all the negative feedback that has been in the letters to the editor lately regarding gas prices and local gas companies. I will bet that most everyone out there has worked for someone at some point in their lives. If you received a paycheck, it was because the company that you worked for made a profit. If they didn't make a profit, or if they finished "in the red," you would not have been paid, had benefits or even had a job (pay attention to all of the problems that employees of the Big Three and their sub contractors are experiencing right now or the recent plant closures in Mancelona and Gaylord).

Your complaints should be directed at the major corporate petroleum companies, not the local compa-

nies.

The local companies, who operate gas stations and convenience stores, must be able to make some sort of profit or go out of business. Most consumers don't take into consideration the expense that goes into operating a business.

For example, fees for processing a credit card transaction are astronomical, transportation costs for getting the fuel from the terminal to the station are high and increased are the costs of business insurance, workman's comp, health insurance and worker benefits. How about the electricity to operate those gas pumps that are pumping fuel into your vehicle? None of that is free, there are no special discounts. The fuel to haul this product and deliver it to customers is not free either.

The hope for something better may be just what you need to hear

To the editor:

Do you believe in miracles? If not, I challenge you to come and listen to Pastor Steve Brewer speak at the Grayling Free Methodist Church on Sunday, Dec. 14, and hear how this hard core biker dude became a missionary minister in Mexico. He'll talk about the

orphanages being built by churches throughout the world.

His testimony about the well that sprang up in the desert is incredible, but true.

I promise your time will not be wasted. He'll share about the everyday miracles that are happening.

With a country seemingly

I would like to congratulate Charlie Fick for his 44 years in business in Grayling. The residents of Grayling should consider themselves lucky to have a businessman like Fick as a member of their community. This man and his business have donated so much to this community. This is in the form of monetary donations as well as personal time. He still comes to work every day, and in most cases, puts in a 10-12 hour day. If his company shows a profit, he puts it right back into our community. Grayling would be in big trouble if not for people like Charlie Fick.

Charlie Fick, you are appreciated for all you do for us here in Grayling.

Lewis Bird
Grayling

This is what Christmas is all about

To the editor:

I would like to acknowledge the good Samaritan who helped out my father and I. When driving home from hunting in Lovells on Saturday, the back end of the truck started sliding in the slush and ice and we ended up in the ditch.

A gentleman in a black Dodge Ram, with two beautiful brown dogs, stopped and asked if we had a chain so he could pull us out. When we told him we didn't, he turned around, went back to his home and got his. He returned in 15 minutes and pulled us out. He

was very friendly and when we thanked him he simply stated that it had happened to him before and then he was on his way.

I grew up in Grayling, but I work in a big city. However, I choose to live in a small town. It is people like him as to why. This is what Christmas is all about. It's not the hype and the lights, but rather the selfless giving.

Thank you kind sir for your help. This world could learn a lot from people like you.

Holly A. Nunn-Killop
Armada

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EARLY HOLIDAY DEADLINES

CHRISTMAS DEADLINES

The December 25th Avalanche will be on the newsstands on Tuesday, December 23rd. Deadlines for the December 25th edition are:

Display Ads: Thurs. Dec. 18 at 5 pm
Community News: Fri. Dec. 19 at noon
Classified Display Ads: Fri. Dec. 19 at noon
Classified Ads by the word: Mon. Dec. 22 at noon

Our office will close at noon on Wednesday, December 24.

The Avalanche office will reopen on Friday, December 26, at 9 am.

Briefs

Kirtland to host art exhibit

Art students at Kirtland Community College will be hosting their End of Semester Art Exhibit at Kirtland's Art's Building on Friday, Dec. 12, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. There is no admission and it is open to the public.

Little League looking for members

The Grayling Little League is looking for a few dedicated individuals to join the Little League Board. Positions are open in all divisions including girls softball, T-Ball and boys baseball. The board meets once a month throughout the year. If you are interested, plan to attend the next board meeting on Sunday, Dec. 14, at the Grayling Elementary School Conference Room at noon. Contact Rich Schreiber at 348-4148 or Rocky Tobin at 348-5722 with any questions.

Grayling Eagles to hold meeting

The Grayling Eagles will hold their meeting on Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. They will vote on a motion to list the current aerie facility for sale on the open market. If you are interested, plan to attend.

Church to hold cookie sale

A cookie sale will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at St. Mary's Family Center on Spruce St. in Grayling.

Snowshoe building class to be held

Hartwick Pines will host a snowshoe building workshop on Saturday, Dec. 13, and Sunday, Dec. 14, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on both days. A fee and registration is required. This event will be held at the Visitor Center. Call 989-348-2537 for more information.

Church to hold Christmas concert

Bear Lake Christian Church, located on M-72 between Grayling and Kalkaska, will present a Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m. featuring Carrie Hart.

Kirtland meeting cancelled

The regular meeting of the Kirtland Community College Board of Trustees on Dec. 11 has been canceled. The next scheduled board meeting is 7 p.m. on Jan. 15, at the Kirtland House conference center, located on the main campus near Roscommon. For details, visit online at www.kirtland.edu or call 989-275-5000.

Church to hold special services

The Burning Bush Tabernacle will have Rev. Barry Raeburn in service on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and nightly at 7 p.m. through Friday, Dec. 19. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Church to hold Christmas program

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, 950 N. I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, will hold a Christmas program, "Sounding of the Bells," on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and celebrate the Savior's birth.

Loan programs help people with disabilities

The Michigan Disability Rights Coalition, along with United Cerebral Palsy of Michigan and the Financial Health Credit Union, offer two innovative programs throughout the State of Michigan. The Michigan Assistive Technology Loan Fund (ATLF) allows people with disabilities to buy assistive technology equipment and devices. The Michigan TeleWork Loan Fund (MTLF) permits people with disabilities to buy computers and equipment to work from home for an employer or to start a home-based business.

These two programs provide low cost, fixed-rate loans to qualified applicants. Any resident of the state of Michigan who has a disability or a senior who needs assistive technology may apply. There is no minimum loan amount but there is a maximum of \$30,000 for ATLF and \$20,000 for MTLF. The interest rate is determined by the Financial Health Credit Union and is a fixed rate for the duration of the loan. Repayment terms are based on the expected useful life of the assistive technology device or service and are for as long as possible, up to a maximum of seven years.

For a number of reasons, individuals with disabilities often find it difficult to access loans as a method to purchase necessary equipment. The Michigan Assistive Technology Loan Fund allows people to buy ramps and elevators, hearing aides, power wheelchairs, computers and peripherals, vehicles with adaptive controls or lifts, home modifications, etc.

The Michigan TeleWork Loan Fund (MTLF) allows people with disabilities to buy the equipment necessary to work from home. This can include office furniture, computers, appliances and farm equipment. With this Loan Fund, barriers to employment, such as inadequate transportation, fatigue, inaccessible work environments and the need for personal assistance, can be reduced or eliminated.

For more information visit the Web site at www.michiganloanfunds.org. To obtain an application for Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego or Presque Isle counties, contact the Region 9 Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-219-2273, ext. 261.

Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Dec. 7 of \$25 each: Jim Ryan, Dennis Henning and

Sydney Klee. Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle was Al Cherven.

Planning public hearing slated

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling City Planners will hold a public hearing for proposed changes to city zoning regulations next week.

The Grayling City Planning Commission will hold the public hearing at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the Grayling City Hall.

Zoning districts proposed were included in the master plan for the community, which was adopted by the Grayling City Planning Commission in April.

The master plan serves as a guide for the development of land use, jobs and recreational opportunities for the community.

Future land uses were streamlined in the plan, and include low density residential, moderate density resi-

dential, high density residential, central business district, medical cottage industry, neighborhood commercial and general commercial and industrial zoning.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer said that the zoning regulations are clear and comprehensive, taking the confusion out of what someone needs to do to develop property.

"People will know what is really required of them and there is no guess work," Thayer said.

Thayer said the new zoning ordinance would be on the books by early February, after giving the public the required notice of the new regulations.

"We have done a good job and it's better to do a good job than a rush job," Thayer said.

Unemployment agency to mail instructions for additional benefits

The 63,000 unemployed Michigan workers, who have exhausted their federally-funded unemployment benefits from this summer, should receive letters with instructions for obtaining the newly approved federal benefit extension within the next two to three weeks.

Stephen Geskey, director of Michigan's Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA), expects the agency will mail letters to eligible unemployed workers by the week of Dec. 12. The letters will explain how the unemployed workers can claim the added federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) benefits. In the meantime, he urged jobless workers to refrain from calling the agency to inquire about their eligibility for the new EUC benefits, as all potentially eligible unemployed workers will be notified by mail.

Governor Jennifer Granholm welcomed the added federal unemployment benefits and said they would be a great help, especially at this time of year, to the many Michigan workers and their families who are trying to cope economically during this difficult period in the state.

"We fully anticipate that we'll begin making payments through the new EUC extension before Christmas," Geskey said.

The new federal extension, which was signed into law by the President on Nov. 21, provides that those who have either exhausted their EUC, or are currently receiving EUC, may collect up to another seven weeks of federally-funded benefits through the original EUC program for a maximum total of 20 weeks (increased from a 13-week maximum). This extension applies to all states.

Plus, they may collect up to an additional 13 weeks of federally-funded EUC benefits in high-unemployment states, such as Michigan, with unemployment rates above 6 percent. Michigan's October jobless rate was 9.3 percent.

For those currently receiving regular state unemployment benefits, they may receive:

Up to 20 weeks of federally-funded benefits

through the original EUC program, after they exhaust their regular state benefits, and then up to 13 additional weeks of federally-funded benefits through the EUC extension, when they exhaust their original EUC and cannot establish a new regular state claim.

The extension is available for individuals who exhaust their unemployment benefits by March 31, 2009, and all EUC payments will end by Aug. 29, 2009.

Geskey explained that UIA is moving quickly to make the added federal benefits available to long-term jobless Michigan workers as soon as possible. He pointed out that the week of Nov. 23-29 will be the first week of unemployment for which the newly added EUC will be payable. The program, however, does not allow for any "reach back" to cover earlier weeks of unemployment.

Another 56,000 unemployed workers are currently receiving federally-funded benefits through the original EUC program, and most of these workers should move into the new extension without any delays as they exhaust their existing benefits.

Geskey pointed out that the EUC program and its extension are fully federally-funded. Therefore, employers will not be charged for EUC benefits paid to their former employees.

Additional information about the EUC is available on the UIA Web site at www.michigan.gov/ui.

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The Bible Speaks

Praying God's Will

Last week in Romans 8:26 we saw how praying God's way is trusting the Holy Spirit to pray within us through the Son to the Father. "26Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." Now we study praying in God's will in Romans 8:27: "27And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." This verse reminds us there are three important things to consider in prayer, the heart, the mind or intellect, and the will or volition.

First, is the heart in God's will. God knows our hearts and our innermost desires even before we pray. "27And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth..." Jesus said in Matthew 22:37, 38: "37Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38This is the first and great commandment." Psalm 37:4 promises: "Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the

desires of thine heart." Romans 10:9,10 remind us that we cannot even be saved without first believing in our heart. Beware of the warning Peter gave Simon in Acts 8:21: "21Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God."

Second, is the mind in God's will. Remember, God, "...knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit." It is the mind of the Holy Spirit that is important in prayer. Our mind should be under the control of the Holy Spirit when we pray. We should have the mind of Christ as 1 Corinthians 2:16 says: "16For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ and the Holy Spirit revealed for us in the promises of Holy Scriptures as James 1:6-8 teaches us: 6But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord. 8A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."

Third, is our will in God's will, "...because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." As 1 John

5:14,15 teaches us: "14And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: 15And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." This is the teaching of the Lord's Prayer in Luke 11:2: "2And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth." As Jesus said in Hebrews 10:7: "7Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God." Jesus said in John 5:30: "30I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me." He said in John 6:38: "38For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." God's will through my heart, soul, mind, and strength should be the prayer of each and all of us as Bible-believing Christians. Pastor "B"

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Obituaries

Helen M. Witham

Helen Mary (Brady) Witham, 92, of Southfield, formerly of Grayling, passed away on November 25, 2008, at her daughter and son-in-law's home in Farmington Hills, after a short illness.

She was born in Waters, on October 20, 1916, the sixth of 13 children born to John and Sadie (Bartlett) Brady of Grayling.

She was a 1935 graduate of Grayling High School.

She married the late Leo F. Witham in 1941.

They resided in Detroit and later in Southfield, where they were members of St. Beatrice Catholic Church (now the Church of Transformation) in Southfield.

They enjoyed spending summers watching their daughter and grandchildren grow and play at their cottage on Lake Margrethe. They enjoyed their many 4th of July family gatherings with brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and cousins at Eagle Point.

She was the loving mother of her only child, Marylyn.

She is survived by her daughter, Marylyn (Bob) Cox of Farmington Hills; grandchildren: Amy Cox (Steve) Gruendel of Charlotte, N.C., Robert Leo (Monica) Cox of Washington, D.C., great-granddaughter, Josie Mae Gruendel; siblings: Francis (Tance) Brady of Ionia, Jerome Brady of Livonia, Sally Brady Tobin of Livonia, Robert (Marilyn) Brady of Canton; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Leo; sisters: Patricia Brady, Ann Eldred, Monica Weideman, Jean McClain; brothers: John, Joseph, Richard and Michael.

A private family memorial service will be held with interment at Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

Terry J. Dawson

Terry J. Dawson 61, of Roscommon, passed away on Saturday, December 6, 2008.

A funeral service was held on December 9 at the Grayling Moose Lodge.

Arrangements made by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

Range Firing

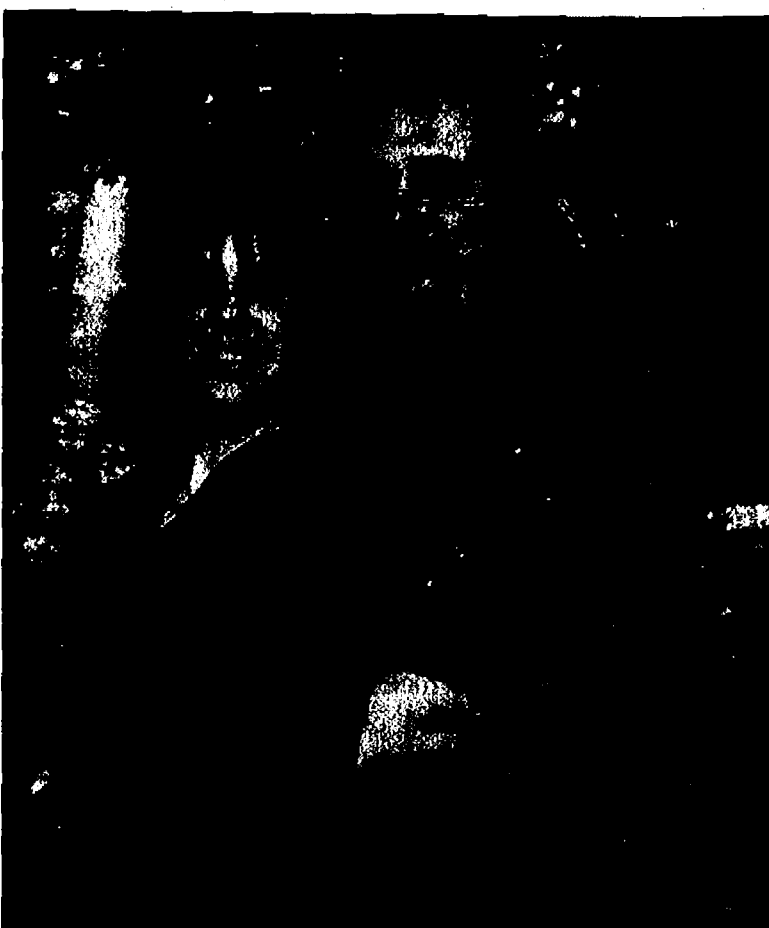
The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Dec. 22.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number is 989-348-6371. For further information, call 989-344-6100.



Darling, Youngblood engaged



Tracie Darling and Chris Youngblood

Vivian Stanton of

Grayling and Dennis Darling of Grayling, announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracie Darling of Grayling, to Chris Youngblood, son of Tina and Bill Hartig of Grayling and Glenn Youngblood of Lake Placid,

Fla.

Tracie is a 1998 graduate of Grayling High School and is a stay at home mom.

Chris is a 2001 graduate of Grayling High School and is employed by Continental Rental.

A summer wedding is planned in Grayling.

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Dec. 12 - Lunch-baked ham with apple glaze, marshmallow sweet potatoes, winter blend vegetables and honey nut apples. No Dinner. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 12 p.m. Frederic and Maple Forest satellite meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Saturday, Dec. 13 - Foot clinic, cost is \$15. Call 821-5428 for an appointment and bring your own towel.

Monday, Dec. 15 - Lunch - chicken pot pie, green beans, cauliflower and an orange. Dinner - scalloped potatoes with ham, Italian blend vegetables, corn and pineapple. 1 p.m. Bridge, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. computer class.

Tuesday, Dec. 16 - Lunch - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with

gravy, peas and peaches. Dinner - roast turkey, stuffing, green beans, acorn squash and an apple. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes and Bible Study, 1 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Dec. 17 - Lunch - hungry boy casserole, Brussels sprouts, corn and mixed fruit. Dinner - Swedish meatballs with noodles, asparagus, peas and carrots and peaches and cookies. 1 p.m. pool league, 2 p.m. caregiver class, 5:30 p.m. Price is Right game show.

Thursday, Dec. 18 - Lunch - chicken stir-fry, rice, asparagus and oranges and grapefruit. Christmas Dinner - roast beef, garlic roasted redskins, Prince Charles vegetables and chocolate desserts. 9 a.m. COA board meeting, 10 a.m. craft class, 2 p.m. UNO Attack, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Christmas Dinner.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Card of Thanks

The family of Pat Hill sends our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the care and aid rendered in attempts to save Pat on Friday, Nov. 14, and for the comfort and loving support during our loss.

Thanks to the Lyon Township Fire and Rescue and the MMR Ambulance service for their timely arrival and transport. Thanks to Dr. Slater and the ER staff at Mercy Hospital.

Thanks to the Crawford County Sheriff's Department and to the Grayling City Police for traffic control on Friday and during the funeral and for the outpouring of support and strength.

Warm thanks to Terri and Rick Lockwood of Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home for the gentle and persistent guidance, care and comfort of our family.

Many thanks to Pastor Cargo for your comforting words before, during and after the funeral. Thanks to the ladies of the Grayling Methodist Church for the yummy luncheon.

Thanks to Debbie at Northland Credit Union for valuable advice, financial and otherwise.

Heartfelt thanks to the

pillbearers: Allan Price, Michael Kudlas, Bill Cross, Bob Butzin, Jerry Hayes and Bryan Stephan.

Extra huge thanks to Arelene Kudlas and Janet Graham and close family friends Bill Cross, Maureen and Jerry Hayes and Bob Butzin.

Thanks to this awesome community, you are all so wonderful! We always knew Grayling was a great place to live and raise a family. The outpouring of love, friendship, support and comfort shown to our family will forever be remembered and for which we are eternally grateful. We feel extremely blessed to count so many as friends. Thank you to all of our friends and family who collectively and individually provided hugs and a soft shoulder to share our sadness and sorrow.

We're confident that Pat/Mom/Grammy is smiling down on us now, proud as can be, at peace and content with a life lived fully and joyfully. We will miss her dearly.

Loving family of Pat Hill,
Paul Hill,
Jim Hill,
Patty, Bryan
and Brianna Stephan

Card of Thanks

Thank you to all the wonderful people in Grayling

who have been helping us.
Bob and Fay Bovee

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Cargo 400 Michigan Ave. - (989) 348-2974 www.mumc.org - Barrier Free Traditional Service 9 am Coffee Hour 10 am Sunday School (preschool-3rd grade) 11 am Adult Sunday School 10 am Praise & Worship Service 11 am (Childcare Available) Seventh Day Adventist Pastor: David Jorgensen (989) 348-1909 Services held Saturday at Camp Ausable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance) Saturday Church Service 9:30 am Sunday Sabbath School 10:30 am Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm Lovells Community Chapel (Bible based and non-denominational) Pastor: Larry Hankins 8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells (989) 348-2701 Sunday School (youth & adult) 10 am Morning Worship 11 am Web Prayer & Bible Study 7-8 pm Grayling Free Methodist Pastor: Rick Secord 6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093 Early Service 8:30 am Sunday School 10 am Morning Service 11 am Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm Emma Lowery United Church of Christ 3474 West Park Road, Luzerne Sunday Worship 11 am Adult & Youth Sunday School 9:30 am Heritage Baptist Pastor: Ernie Wagner - (989) 348-1411 heritagebaptist-grayling.org 1841 Hartwick Pines Rd. 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Parish Office - 707 Spruce (989) 348-7657 Saturday Evening Masses 4:30 pm Sunday Masses 10 am St. Francis Episcopal Reverend: Elizabeth Chace M-72 West - Office (989) 348-5850 Morning Prayer Tue-Fri 8:30 am Eucharist (Wed) 8:30 am Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 am Resurrection Life Center Pastor: Bud & Debbie Mann Mail: 2640 M-72 West Grayling, MI 49738 reslifeccenter.com Phone: (989) 348-1000 Sunday Service 10:30 am Midweek Services (Wed) 7 pm E-mail: reslifefellowship@hotmail.com Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS) 905 N. I-75 Bus. Loop (at junction of M-93 & Old 27) (989) 348-5921 Saturday Evening Worship Service 7 pm Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am	Calvary Baptist Church Pastor: Dr. Robert Barnett M-72 West, Grayling - (989) 348-9220 Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Evening Worship 6 pm Wednesday 7 pm Prayer & Awana Club (Wed) 7 pm Church of Christ Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. - (989) 275-8613 In Search of the Lord's Way Sunday Mornings on TV 29 & 8 7:30 am Sunday Classes 10 am Sunday Worship 11 am Sunday Evening 6 pm 1st Sunday Evening of every month, there is no service Midweek Bible Study (Wed.) 7 pm Abundant Life Tabernacle Pastor: Lyle Stader 211 Shellenbarger St. - (989) 348-5325 Sunday School 10 am Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm Wednesday Evening 7 pm Grayling Baptist Church Affiliated with S.B.C. Pastor: John Scott 705 Madsen St., Grayling - (989) 348-2557 Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 11 am Evening Service 6 pm Wednesday Service 7 pm Bear Lake Christian Pastor: David Rosenberg Associate Pastor: Scott Hoffer M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd. Sunday Church Service 10 am - 6:30 pm Sunday School 9 am Bible Study (Wed.) 7 pm Youth Group 2nd & 4th Wed. 6:30 pm Church Alive Church of God Pastor: David Barker 506 North Birch St., Kalkaska (231) 258-3448 Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm Family Training Hour & Prayer (Wednesday) 7 pm St. Martin Ex. Lutheran (WELS) Pastor: Douglas Carter The Roscommon Community Center, 510 South St., Roscommon, MI For information call (989) 821-6013 New phone number (989) 275-3070 Sunday 9 am Friendship Church A Christian Reformed Ministry Pastor: Rev. Dick Oberg 415 Ohio North, Gaylord Sunday School 9 am Morning Worship 10 am Tue. Women's Bible Study 10 am Wed. Men's Bible Study Noon
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46th Trial Court

Sentencings for November 2008

Hon. Janet M. Allen

Ryan Patrick Hunter, age 21 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Nov. 3, 2008, to home invasion-second degree; sentenced on Nov. 17, 2008, to serve two years and five months to 15 years in prison with credit for 73 days served; ordered to pay \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$60 state minimum costs and \$45,665.22 restitution.

Ryan Patrick Hunter, age 21 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Aug. 14, 2008, to home invasion-first degree; sentenced on Nov. 17, 2008, to serve two years to 20 years in prison with credit for 40 days served; ordered to pay \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$60 state minimum costs and \$300 circuit court costs.

Kenneth Wade Mackinnon, age 43 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Oct. 6, 2008, to surveilling unclothed person; sentenced on Nov. 3, 2008, to serve 180 days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$300 circuit court costs, \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for

24 months.

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

Mathew Guy Vansickle, age 22 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Oct. 20, 2008, to safe breaking; sentenced on Nov. 17, 2008, to serve three years and two months to 20 years in prison with credit for 108 days served; ordered to pay \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$60 state minimum costs and \$3,841.81 restitution.

Joshua James Vansickle, age 17 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Oct. 20, 2008, to breaking and entering with intent; sentenced on Nov. 17, 2008, to serve three years to 10 years in prison with credit for 108 days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee and \$3,841.81 restitution.

Brock Douglas Wilson, age 31 of Grayling - Plead guilty on Oct. 20, 2008, to larceny building; sentenced on Nov. 17, 2008, to serve 365 days in jail with credit for 81 days served; ordered to pay \$350 attorney fee, \$300 circuit court costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$60 state minimum costs and \$1,398.85 restitution; placed on probation for 24 months.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 75 complaints the week of Dec. 1 - Dec. 7.

One missing person, 19 general non-criminal complaints, one structure fire, five false alarm activations, two assault/intimidation/stalkings, two assault and batteries/simple assaults, two larcenies, one obstructing police, seven public peace/disorderlies, one OUIL/UBAL, one operating while intoxicated, three

health and safeties, one conservation, three miscellaneous criminal offenses, 18 traffic accidents, one hazardous condition, four family troubles-domestic, two suspicious situations and one driving violation/driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to www.crawfordsheriff.org.

Library News

Santa's mailbox is now in the lobby of the Devereaux Memorial Library. Stop by and fill out a letter by Dec. 15. Santa will personally answer all of your letters. He will mail you a response from his personal post office in Christmas, Mich.

The Lovells Township Library will have a special Christmas program for children on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 1 p.m. There will be holiday stories, Christmas crafts and snacks. Kids of all ages are welcome to attend this free program at the Lovells Township Hall. For more information, call Connie Meyer at 348-9214.

The Devereaux Memorial

Library invites you to kick off the holidays with some family fun at 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, on Thursday, Dec. 18, at 6:30 p.m. This annual event will be filled with songs, stories, crafts and holiday refreshments. You can wear your pj's to the library. The first 50 kids will receive a free coloring book, crayons and a copy of Ezra Jack Keats "The Snowy Day." Other surprises are in store ... Santa himself could stop by for a visit. This program is brought to you by the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation in cooperation with the Friends of the Crawford County Library.

Grayling Police Report

The Grayling City Police Chief reports the department handled the following complaints during the period of Nov. 30 - Dec. 7:

One assault, one city ordinance violation, five civil complaints, one disturbance complaint, one juvenile

complaint, two larceny complaints, two motorist assists, two private property accidents, one stalking harassment complaint, one traffic accident, one traffic warning and 14 unclassified complaints.

Card of Thanks

The American Legion Post #106 of Grayling would like to thank everyone that contributed their time and donations and made the Children's Halloween Spook House a great success. Your contributions made it possible to serve the estimated 200 guests.

The Legion would like to thank the following students for outstanding dedication and performance in bringing this to the children of Crawford County: Hannah Smith, Jenae Shellenbarger, Chelsea Mott, MaKenna Harwood, Rachel Wilson, Scott Kahn, Megan Wood, Joey Bancroft, Stosh Sendek, John Lennon,

MaKinzie Nena and Kayla Forrester. They were given community service hours and a certificate from the Legion. Thanks again to all who helped with this event.

The American Legion would also like to express gratitude to all who participated in the Veteran's Day Dinner. This too was a success, due to all who gave their time, effort and generous donations. We estimate that we served a buffet style dinner, of ham, chicken, potatoes, vegetables and a dessert, to nearly 200 guests. Without the support of the community, we could not have done this. Thank you for allowing us to continue to serve our community.

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Agreement nearing for fire department dispute

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The terms of the 10-year contract, proposed by city officials, call for the township to pay 60 percent of the operating costs for the fire department, with the city covering 40 percent of the expenses. Also, the township board and city council would meet twice a year to

discuss the fire department's policies, budget and other related issues.

Following a meeting last month with a citizens advisory committee, formed to help mediate the fire department debacle, the township is seeking just a two-year contract with the city. The contract calls for an option to add another two years to the pact. A one-year notice would be required to end the mutual operating agreement between the municipalities.

While the contract is in place, the city council and township board would discuss creating a joint administrative fire board under Public Act 33 of 1951. Under the act, two members would be appointed to the board from each municipality and one at-large from either the township or the city would also serve on the board.

Grayling Charter Township Supervisor Terry Wright said township officials are simply following the recommendations of the citizens committee. If the contract is approved, the township has promised to drop the legal action against the city.

"We're here to serve the public and if the citizens think it's a good deal - we do as well," Wright said.

The Grayling City Council will consider the proposal at its Monday, Dec. 15, meeting. City officials plan to have a response

for the Grayling Charter Township Board to entertain at its Wednesday, Dec. 17, meeting.

Thayer said the city would ask that the contract become effective on the July 1 to July 30 fiscal year the fire department operates under. The township has proposed that the agreement become effective after it is adopted by both governmental agencies.

"I can't run a program and have funding disappear midstream," Thayer said.

Thayer said that city officials were amiable to discussing a joint administrative board to oversee fire department operations, but believes there is no rush to proceed with those discussions.

"The waters are so muddied and the emotions are so high, I don't think a governmental administrative board can be negotiated at this point," Thayer said.

The city formally created a fire department in 1947, under the direction of the city manager, and provided fire services county wide.

In 1973, the city declared that it could no longer provide fire services county wide. Grayling Township agreed to contract with the city for services. The rest of the townships started their own fire departments.

The first legal mutual operating agreement between the City of Grayling and Grayling Township was approved in

1974, according to city officials in response to the lawsuit.

Township officials claim that they have had an agreement to operate the fire department with the city for 61 years.

Thayer said that the committee that township officials were referring to in the lawsuit was formed to find property and build the new fire department. The committee was formed under former Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe's administration. Thayer said that the committee took on more duties than it was legally authorized to do by state statute.

Township officials are asking 46th Circuit Trial Court Judge Janet M. Allen for a court order to divide fire trucks, equipment and interests, in the current and former fire department buildings, between the city and the township if a pact between the municipalities cannot be reached. A trial has been scheduled for Jan. 28-30.

Thayer said that city officials would like to get some form of a mutual protection pact approved before more time and money is spent on legal bickering.

"At the end of the day, the township has to agree to some sort of contractual agreement because there are no other viable options to provide fire services to the township residents," Thayer said.

Area Events

Gaylord - The Gaylord Chamber Orchestra celebrates the Christmas season with a performance of Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors" on Saturday, Dec. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary Cathedral in Gaylord. "Amahl and the Night Visitors" is a Christmas story set to music.

Complete with costumes, chorus and orchestra, the story is a simple tale of a handicapped boy and his mother who live in poverty among shepherds.

Guests include acclaimed vocalists Nicole Philibosian as the mother, Ron Gentry, Jeffrey Norris and Aaron Ingersoll as the Three Kings, Hannah Stoppel as Amahl and Nolen Gentry as dancer. In addition to the Gaylord Chamber Orchestra, there will be a chorus of community mem-

bers directed by Jan Johnson.

The Gaylord Youth Orchestra, under the direction of Wayne Wyrembelski, will present a prelude prior to the main performance.


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Live Christmas trees give consumers new options for greener holidays

Put away the saw and take out a shovel - potted trees are the greenest trend going in today's Christmas tree market.

Michigan State University associate professor of horticulture Bert Cregg said live, container-grown Christmas trees are now widely available for Michiganders who live a green lifestyle and want to enhance their homes indoors and out.

"After years of research, Michigan Christmas tree growers now have commercially available living Christmas trees that people can purchase, decorate for the holidays and store until spring, when the trees can be planted in their yards," Cregg said.

Marsha Gray, executive director of the Michigan Christmas Tree Association (MCTA), said live, plantable trees are still a specialty product, but many growers have them available this holiday season. The new MCTA Web site -- www.mcta.org -- features an interactive grower map to find local farms. Gray said people interested in a live tree should look for "live trees grown in containers" in the online grower listing or just call to ask if a particular farm has plantable Christmas trees.

"It will cost more for a live tree than a cut one, but when you consider that you're also getting a landscape plant, it's a great investment," Gray said. "It's a two-in-one if you care for the tree correctly."

Cregg said advances in container-grown Christmas tree production have made them more consumer-friendly.

"Container production is a good option for living Christmas trees because the trees are more lightweight and easier for consumers to handle than trees that are field-dug and potted," he said. "Growers use lighter soil to grow trees in containers, so an average person can pick up a four-foot tree and easily get it into and out of the home."

Cregg received funding to research ways to grow live Christmas trees from Project GREEN, Michigan's plant agriculture research initiative at Michigan State University. Cregg said growers had been experimenting with container growing, but the GREEN-funded research allowed him to give growers succinct guidelines for successfully meeting the market demand.

"Identifying the types and amounts of soil, nutrients and other resources

that various tree species need to thrive when they're grown in the container system helped us develop management guidelines to help growers avoid common missteps such as overfertilizing or over- or underwatering," Cregg said.

The research supports two major sectors of Michigan's plant-based agriculture: Christmas trees (Michigan ranks third in the United States in Christmas tree production) and nursery production (Michigan ranks fifth nationally in nursery production).

Jill O'Donnell, a Michigan State University Extension educator who specializes in Christmas trees, said the Michigan Christmas tree market amounts to upwards of \$60 million annually, including trees, garland and wreaths. Michigan's 780 growers plant 42,000 acres and sell about 3.5 million trees annually.

Cregg offered these tips for purchasing and caring for a live, container-grown Christmas tree:

Limit the tree's indoor time to no more than two weeks.

After the holiday, move the tree to an unheated garage, screened-in porch or other area where the tree will be protected from

wind.

Ensure that the tree has some sunlight exposure; a garage window is sufficient.

Treat living Christmas trees as you would other houseplants and water every three or four days.

When the ground thaws, dig a hole deep enough to cover the root ball and plant your Christmas tree.

If purchasing a live tree becomes a Christmas tradition, consider digging a hole before the ground freezes and stockpiling the soil where it won't freeze. The tree can then be planted right away after the holiday.

Founded in 1997, Project GREEN is a cooperative effort between plant-based commodities and businesses together with the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station, MSU Extension and the Michigan Department of Agriculture to advance Michigan's economy through its plant-based agriculture. Its mission is to develop research and educational programs in response to industry needs, ensure and improve food safety, and protect and preserve the quality of the environment. To learn more about Michigan's plant agriculture initiative at MSU, visit www.green.msu.edu.

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With 153 hospitals and about 750 community-based clinics, VA operates the largest integrated health care system in the country. VA's medical care budget of more than \$36 billion this year will provide health care to about 5.5 million people during nearly 600,000 hospitalizations

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"Community-based medicine is better medicine," said Dr. Michael Kussman, VA's Under Secretary for Health. "It makes preventative care easier for patients, helps doctors have closer relationships with their patients and permits easier follow-ups for people with chronic problems."

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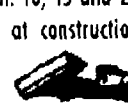
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GMS Honor Roll

First Trimester

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"B" Honor Roll

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It was almost Christmas time in this Grayling town,
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And as I walked home in a mid-winter flurry,
My legs were wobbly, my vision a bit blurry.

I caught a glimpse of something rosy and red:
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"Santa? It's not even Christmas day!"
"Besides, I thought Santa always rode in a sleigh."

But as the jolly fellow stepped out of his car,
Lo and behold! I spotted more Santas afar.

As the cold weather left a chill in my bones,
Grayling town began to look like *Attack of the Clones*.

I turned my attention to the nearest holiday fellow.
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The next person to speak was a Santa named Rob,
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I soon found myself dashing from store to store—
Keen to find out if I could spy any more.

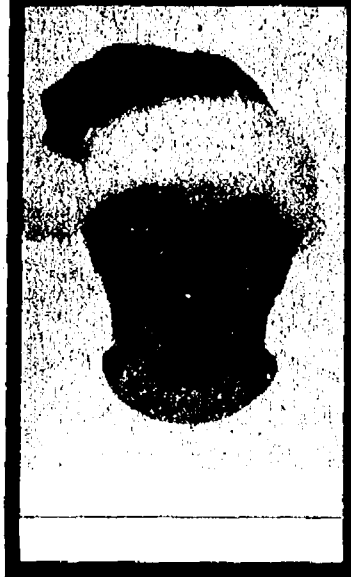
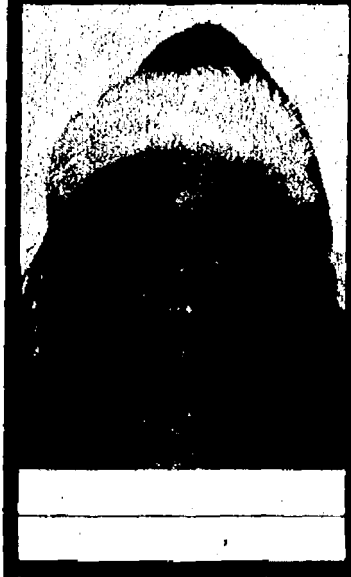
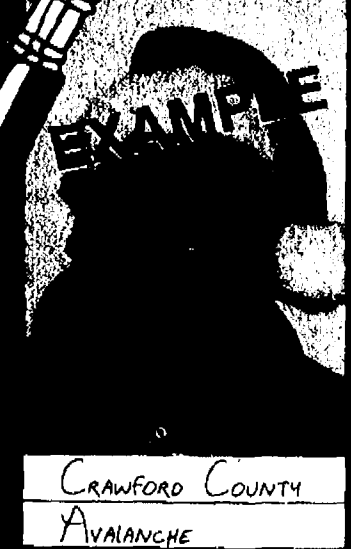
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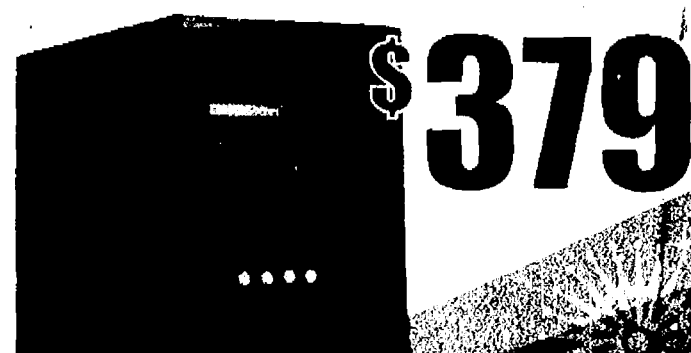
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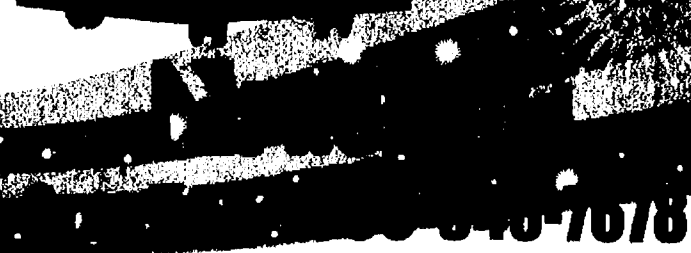
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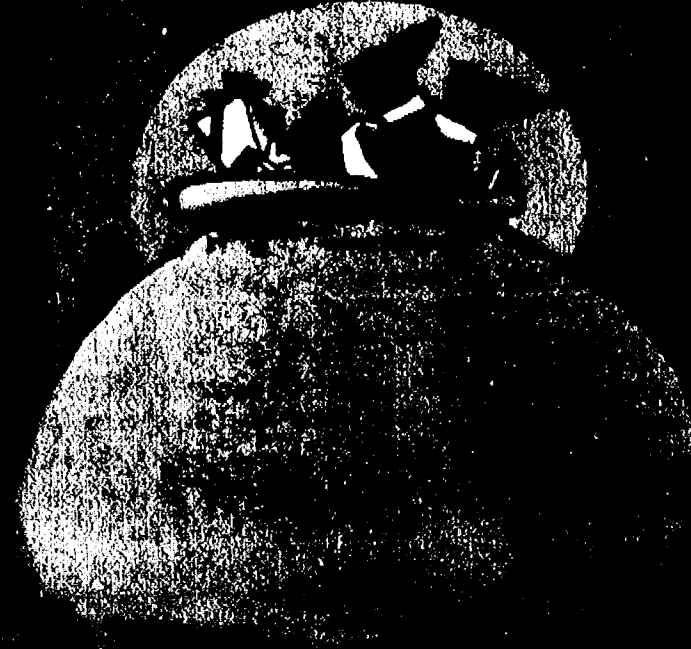
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Wrestling team defeats Mio, Pinconning in season opener

Vikings finish 2nd at Roscommon Invitational

The Vikings of Grayling High School got off to a solid start in wrestling last week, posting a second place tournament finish on Saturday and defeating Mio and Pinconning in a meet held on Wednesday night.

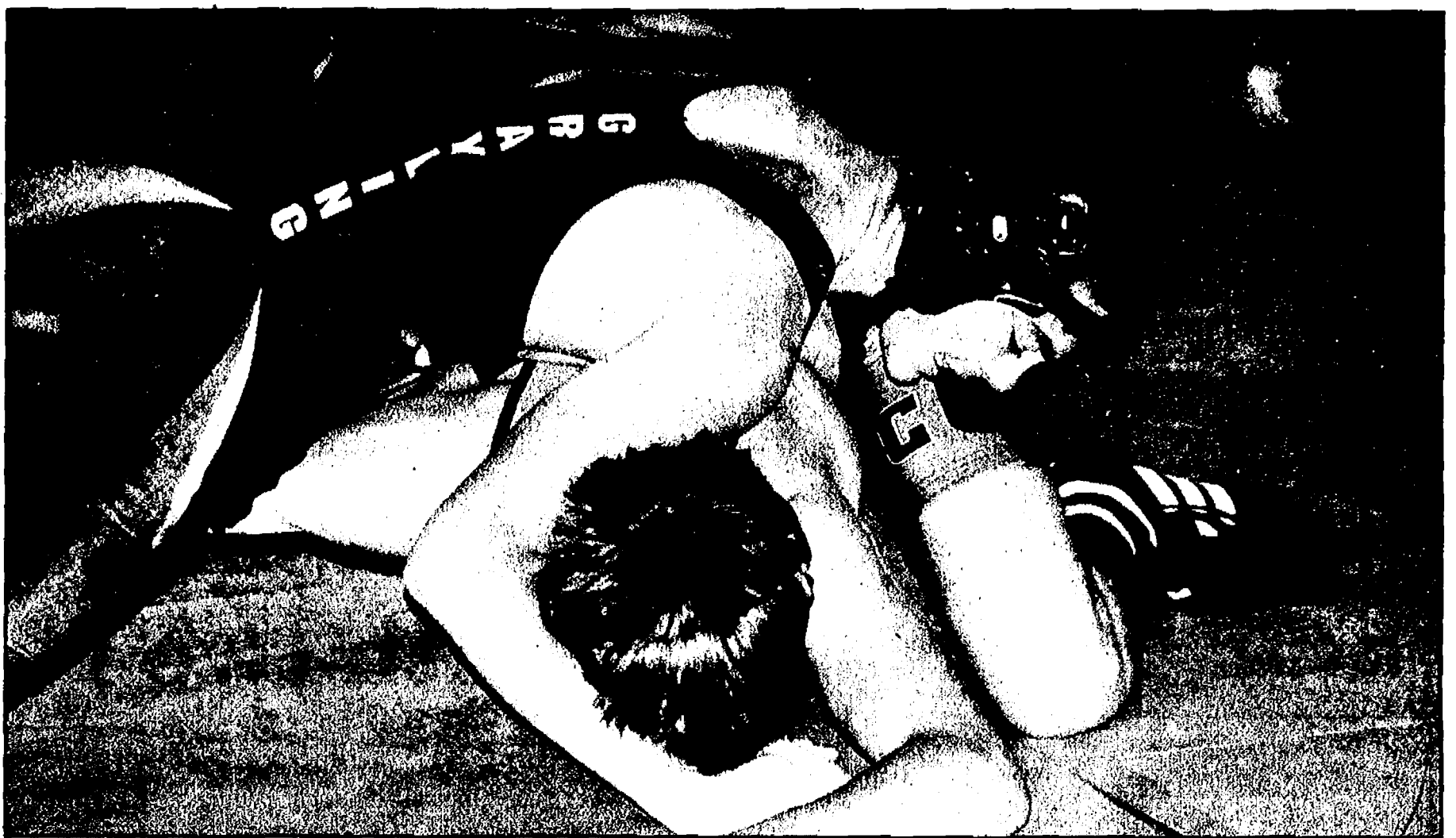
On Wednesday, the Vikings won both of their matches in a three-team meet held at Mio.

Grayling defeated Pinconning 48-32. The Vikings edged Mio 40-30.

On Saturday, Grayling posted a 3-2 record at the Roscommon Invitational – a tournament that included six teams. The Vikings finished second.

Grayling started the tournament with a 42-36 loss vs. Rogers City.

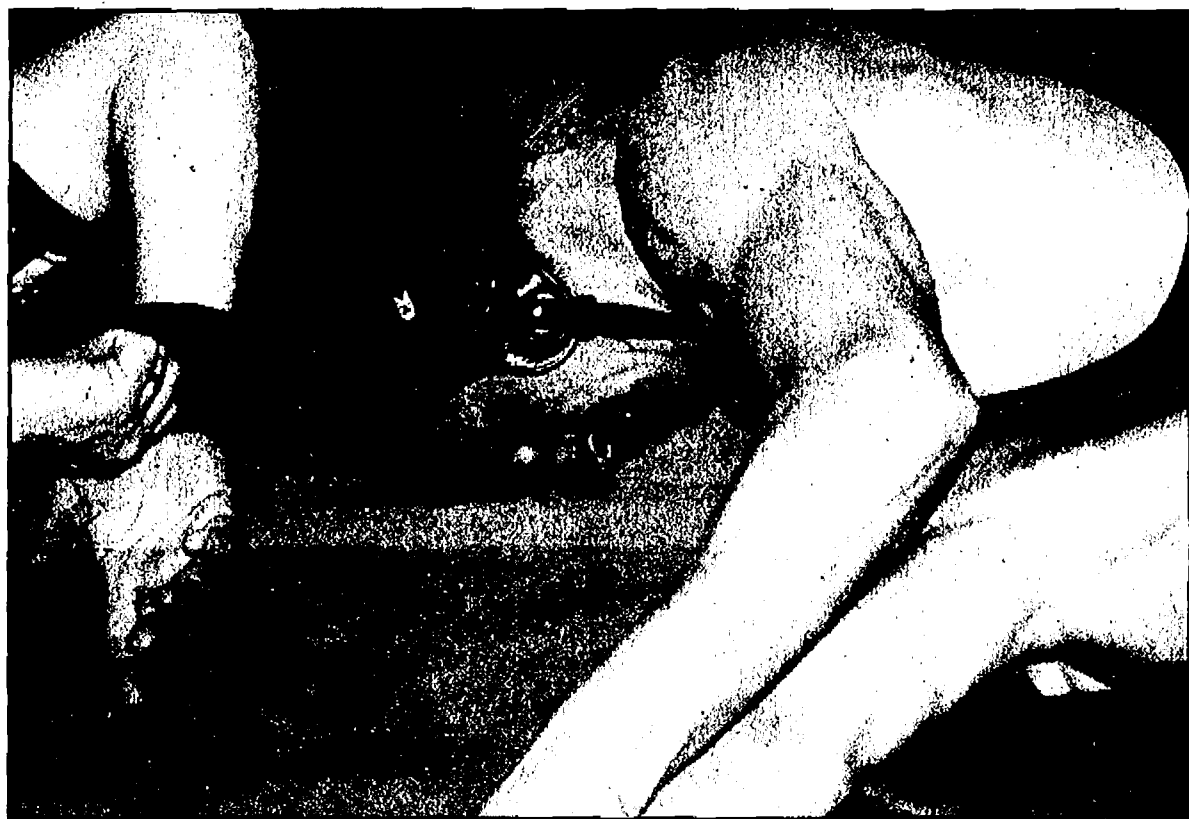
Josh Moggo (140), Cody Collen (145), Joey Contreras (189), Matt Townsend (215), and Joe White (120) all won their matches with pins. Shane Grove (171) won by default.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Will Fowler (135) wrestles against a Rogers City opponent during Saturday's Roscommon Invitational.

See WRESTLING | 8B



Cody Collen pins a Houghton Lake opponent while wrestling in the 145-pound division on Saturday.



Matt Townsend (215) battles a Rogers City wrestler during the Roscommon Invitational tournament.

Bucks outscore Vikings 8-1 in final 2:30 to win 40-30

The GHS varsity girls basketball team opened its 2008-2009 season with a 40-30 nonconference loss at Roscommon High School on Wednesday night. The game was tied early in the fourth period, but the Bucks pulled away down the stretch to win by 10 points.

Roscommon had an 11-5 lead at the end of the first quarter. At halftime, the Vikings trailed by one point, 18-17.

With 2:54 left in the third period, Mackenzie Harwood stole the ball and drove to the basket for a lay-up, giving Grayling a 25-24 advantage. One free throw by Harwood at the 2:22 mark gave GHS a two-point lead. The Bucks scored the last two points of the period with two free throws, leaving the contest tied at 26-26 going into the fourth quarter.

See BUCKS OUTSCORE | 3B



Photo by Caleb Casey

Teresa Schreiber dribbles the ball for the Vikings during Wednesday night's varsity game at Roscommon.

JV basketball squad starts year with two road losses

Grayling High School's junior varsity girls basketball squad opened its 2008-2009 season with losses at Roscommon and Mesick last week.

On Friday, the Vikings lost 36-27 at Mesick.

"(The) girls did an outstanding job on defense in the first half, only giving up 12 points to a team much bigger inside. They controlled the defensive boards and even hit

the offensive boards hard. We gave up eight fast break points in the beginning of the third quarter and could never quite get over the hump," Coach Craig Hofman said.

"The girls did a nice job with the full court press, but when playing from behind and having to use constant pressure you will give up some points. Mesick did a good job of hitting their free throws to maintain a 10-

See JV BASKETBALL | 2B

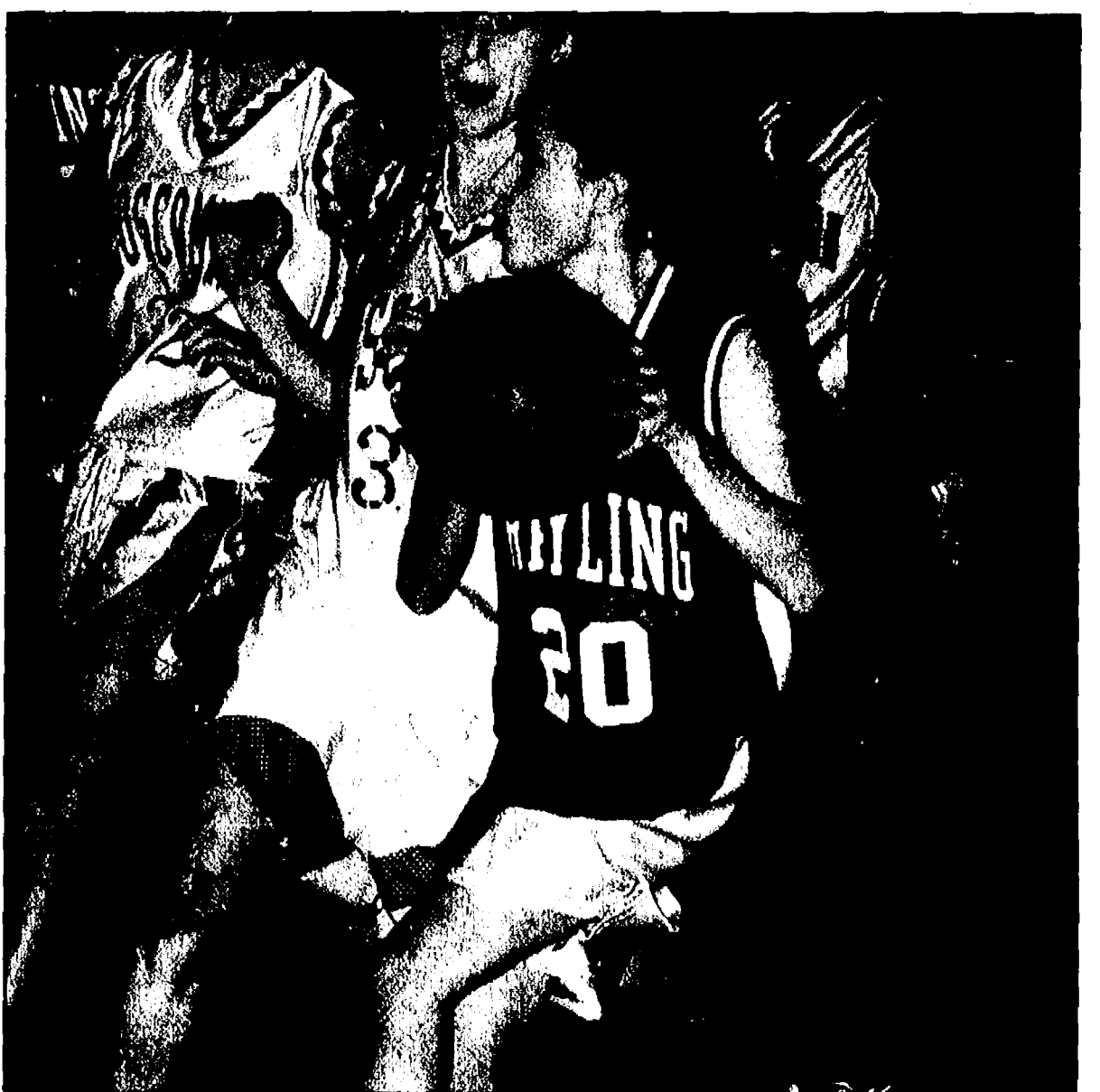


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Shalee Miller handles the ball for Grayling on Wednesday during the JV contest at Roscommon High School.

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Kirstie Wakeley, left, shoots the ball for Grayling during last week's JV girls basketball game at Roscommon. Jamie Denton, right, handles the ball for the Vikings on Wednesday night.

JV basketball squad starts year with two road losses

Continued from 1B

point lead. Every time we cut the lead to six or eight they would hit some free throws or a tough shot," Coach Hofman said.

"Our offensive production was better, but we still have a lot of work to do. We easily outshot Mesick two to one throughout the game, but could not put the ball in the basket. We missed way too many shots in the lane. Mesick turned the ball over against our press four times in a row and we never capitalized on those turnovers.

It will be important for us to turn turnovers into offensive points," Coach Hofman said. "Our league schedule starts Friday against Boyne and they are bound to be a tougher all-around opponent. The girls continued to improve and at times ran some very good offensive sets, but we need to finish."

Leading scorers for Grayling included: Kirstie Wakeley, 14 points, 6 rebounds, 3 steals, 3 assists; Ann Hamlin, 6 points, 9 rebounds, 2 steals, 2 assists; Shalee Miller, 4 points, 3 rebounds, 4 assists; Hali Miller, 2 points, 7 rebounds; Haley Wiseman, 1 point, 4 rebounds. Carlie Money had 5 steals and 2 assists.

"Ann Hamlin and Kirstie Wakeley each had a good all-around game and Ashley Jensen put in some good minutes defensively," Coach Hofman said. "We should have won this game. A two-minute lapse on offense and defense cost us the game. We need to become mentally tough and not allow bad things to get us down."

The Vikings lost 42-18 in the team's season opener at Roscommon High School on Tuesday night.

"(The) girls played well,



Carlie Money passes the ball to a teammate vs. Roscommon on Wednesday.

but could not put the ball in the basket. We missed way too many easy close shots that would have kept us in the game. We need to finish our plays. We had good offensive movement and ran plays - we just did not score," Coach Hofman said. "We need to keep playing tough defense. We gave up quite a few points in the last few minutes of the game, but I was able to get some

players important experience. I am excited about this season, and working with the group of girls I have will be a great experience."

S. Miller had 6 points, 5 steals, and 2 assists for GHS. Wakeley had 6 points and 4 rebounds. H. Miller had 6 rebounds. Hamlin had 5 rebounds and 2 steals.

The Vikings (0-2) will host Boyne City at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12.

GMS Basketball

8th grade "white" (boys) - Grayling Middle School's 8th grade "white" boys basketball team defeated the Boyne City Ramblers 19-13 at GMS on Monday, Nov. 24.

"It was a tough game for both teams - neither team could score until we got it going in the second quarter," Coach Jeff McMann said.

Leading scorers for the Vikings were: Jacob Robinson (8), Louis Menard (4), Alex Bartha (3), Arron Kissel (2), Dakota Myers (2).

The Vikings lost to West Branch 44-29 on Wednesday, Nov. 26.

"We could not get anything going," Coach McMann said. "We had many shots, but it was like there was a lid over the basket. The boys played hard and tough."

Scoring leaders for Grayling were: Blake Hatfield (9), Robinson (7), Bartha (5), David Somero

(4), Trent Flynn (2), Nolen Ryan (1).

"We need to cut back on the turnovers - which we will work on - to get back to the winning side," Coach McMann said.

7th grade "white" (boys) - The GMS 7th grade "white" boys basketball squad won 34-28 in overtime vs. West Branch on Wednesday, Nov. 26, in a game played at Grayling Middle School.

The Vikings trailed 19-4 at halftime, but Grayling held West Branch to two points in the fourth quarter and no points in overtime.

"They also improved their focus on offense, resulting in fewer turnovers and more made shots," Coach John Junttila said.

Geoff Wilson scored 20 of his team-high 22 points in the second half. Tyler Summers, Nick Swiercz, and Lucas Walesky scored four points apiece.

On Monday, Nov. 24, the

Vikings won 28-17 vs. Boyne City at GMS.

Leading scorers for Grayling were: Summers (8), Swiercz (6), Wilson (4), Nick Smock (4), C.J. White (2), Dylan Stowell (2), Walesky (2).

On Nov. 12, Grayling lost 21-12 at Traverse City.

Grayling's scoring leaders were: Swiercz (3), Wilson (2), Walesky (2), Smock (2).

In the team's season opener on Oct. 29, the Vikings lost 21-12 at West Branch.

Leading scorers were: Swiercz (6), Walesky (2), Gage Albright (2), Stowell (2).

"The squad has been working to improve individual skills while incorporating them into a team concept. Their recognition on offense and defense has increased, and hopefully over the second part of the season they can improve their timing and execution," Coach Junttila said.

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Photos by Caleb Casey

Laura Boylan, left, and Abbey Thomas, right, shoot the ball for the Vikings during Wednesday's game at Roscommon.

Bucks outscore Vikings 8-1 in final 2:30 to win 40-30

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Neither team scored in the first three minutes of the fourth period. The Bucks scored six points with a jump shot and two put-backs between the 5:02 mark and the 4:07 mark to lead 32-26.

A free throw by Laura Boylan and a put-back by Harwood cut Roscommon's advantage to three points, 32-29, with 2:44 remaining in regulation.

Roscommon outscored Grayling 8-1 down the stretch to seal the victory.

"Our girls played the best I've seen," Coach Kelly Sheehan said. "Our defense allowed us to be tied with (five) minutes to go in the fourth quarter. The pieces are coming together. I'm proud of our effort."

Boylan was one point short of a triple-double. She finished with nine points, 13 blocks, and 18 rebounds. Teresa Schreiber had seven points. Sam Schreiber had six points and four steals. Harwood had five points.

On Friday, Dec. 5, the team lost 52-30 at Mesick.

Boylan had 16 points, 10 rebounds, and seven blocks for Grayling. S. Schreiber had eight points and seven steals. T. Schreiber had seven steals, six rebounds, and three blocks.

"On defense, we are able to keep ourselves in the game. Teams are not scoring a lot on us," Coach Sheehan said. "The one thing we need to improve on is our offense. We are taking good shots - eventually they will fall in for us."

The Vikings (0-2) will host Boyne City on Friday, Dec. 12.



Sam Schreiber, left, dribbles the ball for Grayling on Wednesday night. Mackenzie Harwood, right, takes a shot for the Vikings.



Legal Action

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate
File No. 08-7490-DE
Estate of ROBERT E. NELSON,
Date of birth: 09/14/1924
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, ROBERT E. NELSON, who lived at 6185 Fletcher Rd., Grayling, MI 49738, died 06/10/2008.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to PATRICA S. MEAD C/O TROY B. DANIEL, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

12/11/2008
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 08-7501-DE
Estate of JUNE PIXLEY,
Date of birth: 11/09/1919
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, JUNE PIXLEY, who lived at 412 E. M-72 GRAYLING, MI 49738, died 05/24/2008.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to NANCY WAGONER, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS HELD ON THE 24TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2008

Mayor Akers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with a quorum present.

Approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

The City Manager gave his report and updated the City Council on several different issues. Highlighted subjects were an update on the meeting of the ad hoc committee with regards to the Fire Department, expiring terms and vacant seats on the Boards and Commissions Roster, update on the Police personnel, and DPW union contract negotiations.

Approval of the 2009 Grayling City Calendar.

Approval of the FY 2009 Budget Amendments.

Approval of the City Manager's vacation buy out and reinstatement of vacation hours not credited.

Approval to appoint Ralph Stevens to the Property Tax Board of Review.

Approval of Holiday Bonuses.

Mayor Akers adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM.

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 7, 2009. Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: A part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of section 2, town 25 North range 4 West; commencing at the Southwest corner of same and running thence North 89 degrees 31 minutes East on the section line 165 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 0 degrees 48 minutes East, 264 ft; thence North 89 degrees 31 minutes East, 412.5 feet; thence South 0 degrees 48 minutes West 264 feet to the section line; thence South 89 degrees 31 minutes West on same, 412.5 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: November 20, 2008
Orlans Associates, P.C.
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248-502-1400
File No. 426.0124

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PUBLIC NOTICE Frederic Township Property Owners

Frederic Township Board of Review will meet on Dec. 9th, 2008 at 4:00 PM in the Township Hall, 7564 Co. Rd. 612 - Frederic, MI 49733.

The purpose of this meeting is to correct any errors or mutual mistakes of fact on assessments.

William Johnson
Township Supervisor

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

UNOFFICIAL SYNOPSIS OF CITY COUNCIL

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Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sue A. Pasko, a married woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lenders successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 31, 2005 and recorded April 29, 2005 in Liber 675, Page 210, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by CitiMortgage, Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Six Thousand One Hundred Nine and 50/100 Dollars (\$46,109.50) including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 7, 2009.

Said premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 7, Town 25 North, Range 2 West South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan for a point of beginning; thence South 20 rods; thence West 4 rods; thence North 20 rods, thence East 4 rods to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Bruce H. Dale III and Deborah D. Dale, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to North Area Central Credit Union, Mortgagee, dated the 12th day of June, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, For The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 30th day of October, 2003 in Liber 657 of Crawford County Records, page 135, said Mortgage having been assigned to North Area Central Credit Union on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Six & 06/100 (\$11,786.06), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of January, 2009 at 10:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said

mortgage, with interest thereon at 6.000% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: All that part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 16, T26N, R2W, lying on the South side of M-72 as now surveyed During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale. Dated: 11/19/2008 North Area Central Credit Union Mortgagee FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C. Attorney for North Area Central Credit Union 888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800 Troy, MI 48084 248-362-2600 ASAP# 2928619 11/20/2008, 11/27/2008, 12/04/2008, 12/11/2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Chad Hawley and Amy Hawley, Husband and Wife to Olympus Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated November 29, 2004 and recorded December 9, 2004 in Liber 672 Page 826 Crawford County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2005 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005 WHQ1, by assignment dated December 6, 2004 and recorded March 12, 2008 in Liber 690, Page 579, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$72,828.13) including interest 9.275% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on January 7, 2009

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11, Block 1, Brink's Park, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 33, Crawford County Records

Commonly known as 210 Rolla, Grayling MI 49738 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: NOVEMBER 25, 2008 Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2005 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005 WHQ1,

Assignee of Mortgagee
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Tammie M. Ledesma, a Single Woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Intervale Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 10, 2006 and recorded August 15, 2006 in Liber 682 Page 799 Crawford County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to: U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 1, 2006 MASTR Asset Backed Securities, Trust 2006-HE4 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-HE4, by assignment dated April 2, 2007 and recorded April 11, 2007 in Liber 686, Page 246, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$58,450.20) including interest 10.34% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on January 7, 2009

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4, Block 24, Roffee's Addition to the City of Grayling, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records

Commonly known as 706 Park St, Grayling MI 49738 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: NOVEMBER 20, 2008 U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 1, 2006 MASTR Asset Backed Securities, Trust 2006-HE4 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-HE4,

Assignee of Mortgagee
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary A. Daneluk, a single man and Tamara L. Harwood, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 18, 2007, and recorded on October 23, 2007 in Liber 689 on Page 43, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixteen And 53/100 Dollars (\$82,916.53), including interest at

6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 7, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel B-1: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 24, Town 28 North, Range 2 West, thence South 87 degrees 58 minutes East 330.0 feet along the Section line, thence North 0 degrees 40 minutes West 393.07 feet, thence North 76 degrees 41 minutes 21 seconds East 318.85 feet, along center line of County Road 612 to the point of beginning, thence continuing North 76 degrees 41 minutes 21 seconds East 207.49 feet, on said line, thence North 53 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds East 137.62 feet along Northerly line of Railroad Grade, thence North 0 degrees 39 minutes West 702.68 feet, thence South 89 degrees 20 minutes West 314.48 feet, thence South 0 degrees 40 minutes East 828.06 feet to the point of beginning.

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 28 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 27, 2008
For more information, please call:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Darrin E. Hawes and Racquel V. Hawes aka Racquel V. Schaub, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to First Federal of Michigan, The Michigan operating name of Charter One Bank, F.S.B., Mortgagee, dated July 14, 2001, and recorded on September 5, 2001 in Liber 0551 on Page 534, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Sixty And 02/100 Dollars (\$52,360.02), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 7, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 2, Ausable Trails Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 59, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of

such sale.

Dated: November 27, 2008
For more information, please call:
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The mortgage described below is in default:

Mortgage made by Edward Youhanna and Linda Youhanna, husband and wife, to GreenStone Farm Credit Services, FLCA, mortgagee in a mortgage dated May 8, 2006, and recorded in the office of the Crawford County Register of Deeds on May 17, 2006, at Liber 681, page 533, of Crawford County Records. The balance claimed owing on the mortgage at the time of this notice is Twenty-nine Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-eight and 43/100 (\$29,888.43) Dollars. The mortgage contains a power of sale, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, take notice that the mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the property described in the mortgage at public auction on Wednesday, December 17, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., at the main entrance of the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan (that being the place where the Crawford County Circuit Court is held). The mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt on the mortgage, as stated above, plus interest charges at the rate of 9.05%, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law or contract, and also any amount which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the property.

The property to be sold at foreclosure is described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:

Parcel 16: Situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan to-wit: being part of Section 35, Town 25 North, Range 1 West, commencing at the West quarter corner of said Section 35;

thence North 00 degrees 18 minutes 10 seconds West along the West Section line 1306.90 feet; thence South 87 degrees 23 minutes 55 seconds East along the North one-eighth line 658.16 feet for a Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 87 degrees 23 minutes 55 seconds East 658.56 feet to the West one-eighth line; thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 00 seconds West along the West one-eighth line 654.04 feet; thence North 87 degrees 30 minutes 33 seconds West 658.50 feet; thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 01 seconds East 652.77 feet to the Point of Beginning. Together with and subject to: A 66 foot wide easement for ingress and egress and installation and maintenance of utilities, including the right to remove brush and trees from the easement, being more particularly described as follows: To find the Point of Beginning, commence at the West quarter corner of said Section 35; thence North 00 degrees 18 minutes 10 seconds West along the West Section line 1273.87 feet for a Point of Beginning of this description; thence South 87 degrees 23 minutes 55 seconds East 2631.77 feet; thence South 87 degrees 25 minutes 23 seconds East 1899.15 feet; thence Southeasterly along the arc of a tangent 30.00 foot radius curve to the right 25.65 feet, of which the chord bears South 62 degrees 54 minutes 51 seconds East 24.87 feet; thence Northeasterly along the arc of a tangent 66.00 foot radius curve to the left of which the chord bears North 02 degrees 35 minutes 35 seconds East 86.62 feet; thence Southwesterly along the arc of a tangent 30.00 foot radius curve to the right 25.65 feet, of which the chord bears South 68 degrees 06 minutes 01 seconds West 24.87 feet; thence North 87 degrees 25 minutes 23 seconds West 1899.15 feet; thence North 87 degrees 23 minutes 55 seconds West 2635.09 feet to the West Section line; thence South 00 degrees 18 minutes 01 seconds East along said Section line 66.08 feet to the Point of Beginning. Also Subject to: a private 12 foot wide easement for the installation, maintenance of public utilities, including the right to remove brush and trees from the easement. Said easement being the Northerly 12 feet of the Southerly 45 feet of said parcel.

The redemption period shall be one year from the date of sale pursuant to MCL §600.3240, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: November 4, 2008
GreenStone Farm Credit Services, FLCA, Mortgagee

Drafted by:
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900 Center Avenue
Bay City, Michigan 48708-6118
Telephone: (989) 892-0591

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Frederic Township Building and Zoning

Public Notice to

Residents within 300 feet

Frederic Township resident be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a public hearing on December 15, 2008, at 6:00 pm in the Frederic Township Hall, located at 7564 C. R. 612, to hear the following case(s):

2008 ZBA 004 Owner: Mari and Pat McKellip, Petitioner
151 Tamarack Circle
Frederic Township
Parcel # 20-032-300-000-043-00

The Petitioner is requesting a variance to build a 24 x 24 garage that is located 10 ft off the rear (south) property line and 5 ft off the (west) side property line.

Tentative text and maps may be examined at the Frederic Township office during normal business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to Frederic Township Zoning Dept., P.O. Box 78, Frederic, MI 49733 Telephone (989) 348-8778.

Douglas J. Pratt
Frederic Twp
Zoning Administrator

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



December 12, 1985 - These students were nominated for Grayling Middle School Student of the Month for November. From the left: (front row) Billy Jo Sims, Mike McMillan, Joey LaForest, Joell Schans, Cindy Fedewa, Nicki Morrill, Mike Schmidt, Sue McLaughlin, Chris Lehti, Melanie Ojala; (back row) Elton Guillen, Danielle Waldorf, Bea Cannoy, Aimee Rochette, Tosha Mowrey, Kristen Welch, Eric Alma and Kevin Hinderleider.

23 Years Ago December 12, 1985

A plan to relieve Crawford County, Grayling Township and the City of Grayling from financially supporting the Grayling McNamara Airport has been proposed to all three government units. The plan, proposed by Crawford County Transportation Director David Frederick, calls for setting up an Airport Trust Fund for five years. After five years, the airport could use interest from the trust fund to help fund its operations. The three government units, which currently kick in about \$44,000 a year to help fund the airport, would then have no more financial

responsibilities to the airport.

The Houghton Lake basketball team spoiled Grayling's home opener with a 66-57 win. Tom Bacon, a junior, scored 21 points in his varsity debut, but Grayling couldn't overcome the early ten point lead they gave Houghton Lake. The Vikings closed to within one point in the third quarter but never got closer.

The Grayling wrestling team beat Muskegon Catholic Central but dropped matches to Class B Alma and Class B Lowell in a four way match. Ward Jones, at 145 pounds, won all three of his matches to stay undefeated.

46 Years Ago December 13, 1962

A four man trap shooting team from the Grayling Sportsman's Club traveled to Mio to meet a team from the Mio club at their shooting field. Those from Grayling were club president Walt Johnson, Robert Hayes, Donald Jansen and Phil Miller. Mio won by a score of 329 to 257.

The junior class at Grayling High School will hold a car wash on Dec. 15, at the school garage. The cost for the wash is \$1.50.

At Harbor Springs, the Grayling varsity basketball team, after a long, cold bus ride, took a 12 - 11 first period lead. The Rams came back with a 21-20 second quarter to tie the game at 32 at intermission. The third quarter proved to be the Viking's downfall, as they were outscored 18-8 in the third quarter and 12 - 9 in the fourth quarter, with the final score being 62-49.

The newest member of the Crawford County Chamber of Commerce is Dr. John E. Fachting, whose office is located on Peninsular Avenue and Ionia Street.

Mayor pro temporary Emil Giegling, city manager Harold Cliff and councilmen James Duley, Whitey Madsen and Larry McNamara, attended a meeting of the Northwestern Michigan Association of Municipal Officials at the Perry Hotel in Petoskey to discuss mutu-

al problems and their solutions.

69 Years Ago December 14, 1939

The Hartwick Pines park, for the first ten months of this year, was visited by 72,462 people. This is about 8,000 more than there were last year in a similar period. The park consists of about 2,000 acres, and within it stands 80 acres of virgin pine timber, which is the last remaining vestige of Michigan's former vast pine forests.

Mac and Gidley's drug store has added some very nice looking booths, with red cushions on the seats, in place of the tables and chairs that used to be there. Display shelves matching the booths have been added.

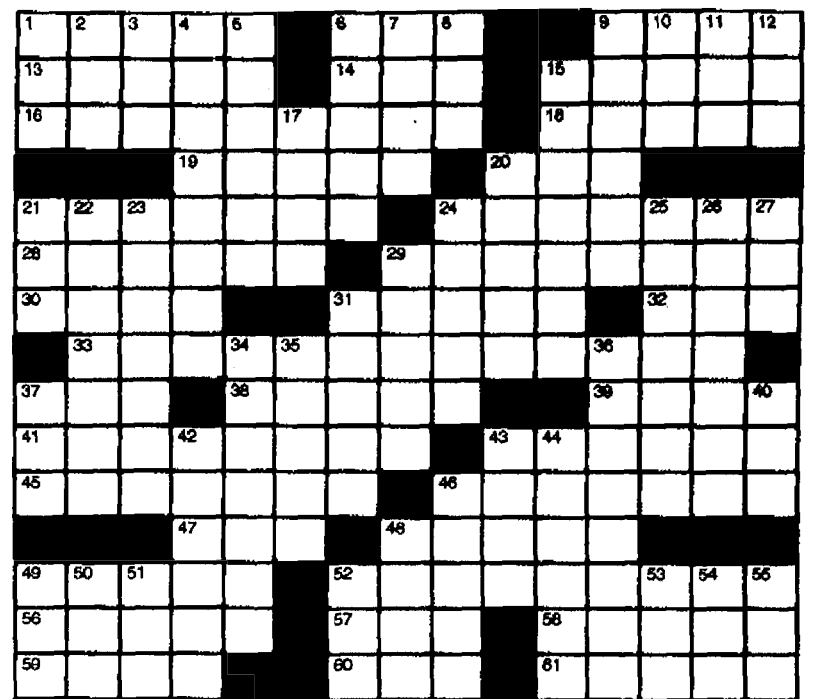
Max Ferguson has completed his business course at the Bay City Business School and has accepted a position as bookkeeper at Burke's Garage.

92 Years Ago December 14, 1916

The post office at Wellington will be discontinued after Dec. 30, by order of the post office department. Mail that is now going to that office will remain in the Grayling post office.

Mrs. J.E. Crowley, who has been conducting a millinery store in the Olson building, will move into the building formerly occupied by the Hanson Baking Company and will continue her business there.

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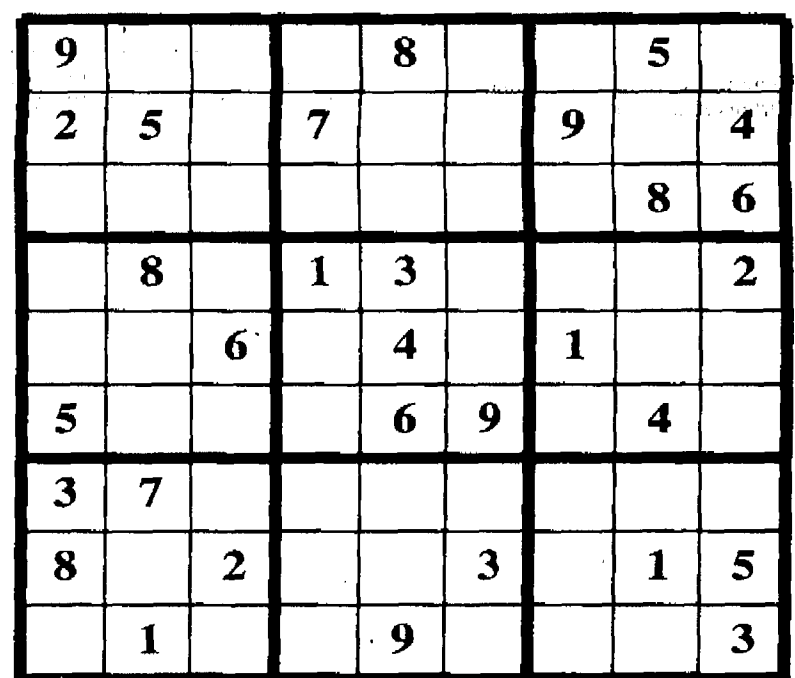
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21. In good time
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28. Beloved of Aphrodite
29. Item used to clean the body
30. Baptism, for one
31. Losing come-out roll in craps
32. Barely get, with "out"
33. Ram used to breakdown doors of fortified buildings
37. "Is that ___?"
38. Accustom
39. E.P.A. concern
41. Gave in
43. Flower part
45. Immaterial parts of people
46. Chief official in a sports game
47. "Wheels"
48. Link
49. Refine, as metal
52. Hat with opposing brims turned up and caught together to form points
56. Overhangs
57. ___ Grove Village, Ill.
58. Freetown currency unit
59. "Iliad" warrior
60. 10th month of the Hindu calendar
61. Apprehension

Down

1. Addis Ababa's land: Abbr.
2. Linda ___, Supergirl's alias
3. Clairvoyance, e.g.
4. Orchestra member
5. Japanese floor covering
6. Brine-cured cheeses
7. Arab chieftain
8. Greyhound, e.g.
9. Good-for-nothing
10. Mayan language spoken
11. "Aladdin" prince
12. Big Apple initials
15. Sticker
17. Bad day for Caesar
20. "Holberg Suite" composer
21. Keep out
22. All you can eat
23. In all respects
24. Carried
25. Device for removing stems from fruit
26. Annoying
27. Uncommon
29. Show place
31. Proper alignment
34. Lightweight protective helmet worn by construction workers
35. "Come in!"
36. Lowercase letter with a part extending above other lowercase letters
37. Dadaism founder
40. "Goshi"
42. Australian physiologist
43. Need a bath badly
44. Off course
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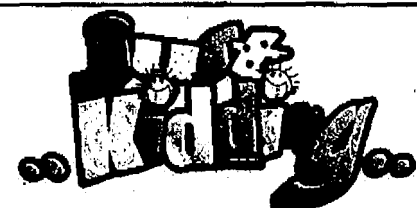
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ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



HOROSCOPES

For the week of December 11, 2008



December 22-January 19



March 21-April 19



June 22-July 22



September 23-October 22



January 20-February 18



April 20-May 20



July 23-August 22



October 23-November 21



February 19-March 20



May 21-June 21



August 23-September 22



November 22-December 21

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

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WE'RE OVERLOADED!- The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today!



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Visit us at: www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter

5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds.

Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday through Saturday, 10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our web site www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



POUND CAKE TOPPED WITH STRAWBERRIES & BALSAMIC VINEGAR SAUCE

Ingredients:

Pound Cake-
3 cups all-purpose flour, or use cake flour
1/4 tsp. baking soda
1/4 tsp. salt
1 cup olive oil
2 1/4 cups granulated sugar
6 whole eggs
8 oz. sour cream
1 tsp. vanilla extract

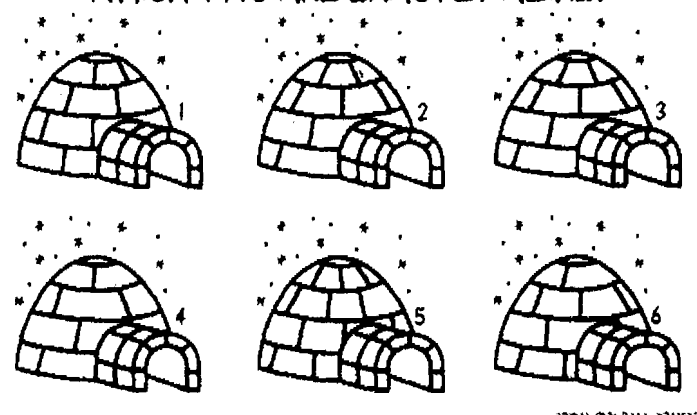
Strawberry Sauce-

1 1/2 lbs. strawberries, quartered
2 Tbsp. sugar (or to taste)
3/4 Tbsp. chopped fresh mint
2 Tbsp. pomegranate infused balsamic vinegar

Directions: **Pound Cake-** Preheat oven to 350° F. Generously grease and flour a 10-inch tube pan or Bundt pan. Sift together flour, baking soda and salt, and set aside. With electric mixer, cream together olive oil and sugar (mixture will seem granular). Add eggs, one at a time, until each is blended. Alternate adding flour mixture and sour cream to the egg mixture, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Add vanilla extract. Pour cake batter into prepared pan. Place in preheated oven and reduce temperature at once to 325° F. Bake 1 hour and 15 minutes, until lightly golden and a wooden pick comes out clean. **Strawberry Sauce-** Place strawberries in a large bowl and sprinkle with sugar. Add mint and vinegar and mix well. Let rest for 1 hour before serving. Top pound cake with strawberries and serve. **Tip:** Strawberries in balsamic vinegar also are delicious served alone or over ice cream.

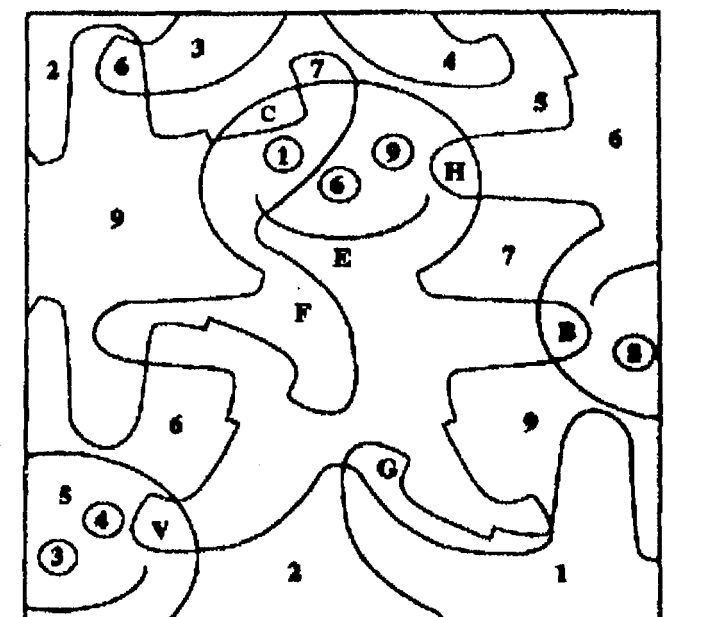
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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	H	L	Inches
12/2	27	23	0.09
12/3	30	24	0
12/4	32	20	0.05
12/5	21	12	0.01
12/6	15	11	0.06
12/7	22	10	0
12/8	16	10	0.02

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 21 Low 13	High 22 Low 17	High 30 Low 23	High 33 Low 23	High 29 Low 19	High 29 Low 19
Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Snow Showers	Light Wintry Mix	Snow Showers	Snow Showers

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1. Real Estate

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling, price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

LAKE MARGRETHE Grayling, large waterfront home, many features, \$284,900. 989-344-1269 or 989-915-9467. (-11-18-25-1/1)

2. For Rent

Cobble Creek II Apartments

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Newly renovated inside and out.
One and Two Bedroom Units Available

Heat, Water/Sewer, Landscaping, Snowplowing and Trash Removal Included with Rent

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1. Real Estate

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Grayling

1. Real Estate

FOR SALE BY OWNER Frederic. Check out this 4 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home. Beautiful condition, large lot, borders state land, large pole barn. FHA, no money down available. \$89,000. Call 989-705-8600. (7/31/2008tf/1)

MOBILE HOME 2-3 bedroom for sale, owner finance on lot, 989-348-5278 or 586-405-0030. (3/20/08tf/1)

1. Real Estate

BEAUTIFUL HOME In town of Frederic. Great shape, new carpet, new paint. 4 bedrooms, large yard, 2 car garage, carport, full basement and new appliances. Don't miss this one! \$75,000. Call 989-348-5587. (-4-11/1)

2. For Rent

MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT 2 and 3 bedroom, \$425 and up. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

3. Employment

Northern Lakes COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

CASE MANAGER HOUGHTON LAKE OR GRAYLING

Assume responsibility for identifying service needs and developing, implementing, and coordinating an individual plan of service for each assigned consumer. Act on behalf of consumers to assure that services are offered consistent with the Board's mission statement and applicable policies and procedures. Will be an active participant in the units seeing adults with mental illness. Provide supports coordinator/case management services to assigned individuals. The core elements of supports coordinator/case management include assessment, service plan development, linking/coordination of services, reassessment/follow-up, and monitoring of services. Must strongly believe in recovery and have a commitment to creating and maintaining a culture that expects recovery. Bachelor's degree in a mental health related field from an accredited college or university. Because this position includes treatment responsibilities beyond supports coordinator/case management, i.e. crisis intervention, other assessment, therapy services, etc. the person must have a current Michigan license as at least a Licensed Bachelor Social Worker which allows this level of independent professional practice. Northern Lakes offers excellent benefits and competitive wages. Send resume to: HR@nlcmh.org or to Human Resources, Northern Lakes CMH, 105 Hall St., Ste A Traverse City, MI 49684 EOE www.northernlakescmh.org

1. Real Estate

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5688 M-72 West • Grayling MI 49738

989-348-5474

View all our listings with many photos of each listing on our website:

www.century21grayling.com

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2. For Rent

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

FOR RENT 2 bedroom apartment located at 911 Elm Street, Grayling. \$475 per month plus deposit and utilities. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-4-11/2)

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT Lots of parking, stand alone structure and good location. 989-348-8471. (12/4/08tf/2)

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3. Employment

2. For Rent

MOBILE HOME FOR RENT 3 bedroom, 2 bath, double wide mobile home. \$750 per month, utilities included. In the country, seven miles S.E. of Grayling on Wilderness Trail between 4 Mile Rd. and M-72 E. 989-348-6994 or 989-370-3219. (-11-18-25/2)

SMALL FURNISHED 2 bedroom with garage, north of Higgins Lake. \$500 a month, first and last month rent. Credit report obtained. 989-939-8965. (-11-18/2)

BIG HOUSE Mobile homes and cabins at Lost Acres. 4 bedroom log home, \$575; 2 bedroom mobile homes, \$375 plus utilities; cabins from \$275 - \$375 with free utilities. 11004 - 11010 N. Old US 27, no pets at all. 1-877-227-6976, more details at www.quality-homerentals.net (Northern Michigan Units). (11/20/08tf/2)

2 BEDROOM 2 bath, non-smoking, no pets, \$550 a month plus electric. 348-4840. (-4-11/2)

3. Employment

MUNSON HOME HEALTH

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1-800-252-2065
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Qualifications - Bachelors Degree in sociology, criminal justice or other related field is required.

DUTIES - Conduct interviews and court appearances on domestic relations cases regarding custody, child support and parenting time. Initiate child support enforcement proceedings and provide ongoing case supervision. Provide mediation services on custody and parenting time issues.

Computer knowledge and skills are mandatory. Must be able to pass a Criminal History Background Check. This is a union position, wages, hours and benefits will be discussed at the time of the interview.

Resumes are to be sent to Charlene K. Barker, Director, Friend of the Court Office, P.O. Box 837, Tawas City, MI 48764.

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Save-A-Lot

Save-A-Lot Food Store is searching for qualified candidates for the position of **Meat Journeyman**, in the Grayling Save-A-Lot Food Store at 2333 S. I-75 Business Loop Grayling, Michigan 49738.

Minimum Qualifications

- Willing to perform physical work, including meat cutting, stocking, cleaning, in a busy grocery store environment.
- Meat cutting or retail experience is required.
- High School Diploma /GED

We Offer You

- Competitive hourly wage
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- Promotions from within
- A fun and exciting opportunity and challenge

Please See in Person:
Bob or Louis

Save-A-Lot
2333 S. I-75 Business Loop
Grayling, Michigan 49738
EOE

2. For Rent

FOR RENT Efficiency apartment in Frederic. \$375 a month, \$200 deposit. Includes heat, electric, plowing, garbage and cable TV. 348-2137. No pets. (-4-11/2)

FOR RENT 1 bedroom house. \$425 a month plus utilities, \$400 security deposit required. 101 D. State Street. Call 989-348-4464. (-11/2)

TWO BEDROOM 1 bath. Washer and dryer hook up, refrigerator and range included, utilities not included, no pets. \$450 a month plus security. 6272 Old Lake Rd. 989-348-4716. (11/6/08tf/2)

HOME FOR RENT 4 to 6 bedroom, 2 bath executive retreat with outbuildings in Lovells. \$1,200 per month plus utilities. Call 989-732-2600. (7/10/08tf/2)

FOR RENT 2 bedroom duplex apartment with attached garage, located at 1029 Heather Lane, Grayling. \$550 per month plus deposit and utilities. Call Northwoods Rentals 989-344-8787. (-4-11/2)

FOR RENT Older 4 bedroom home located at 301 Huron St., Grayling. \$600 per month plus deposit and utilities. Call Northwoods Rentals 989-344-8787. (-4-11/2)

FOR RENT Frederic. Check out this 4 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home. Beautiful condition, large lot, borders state land, large pole barn. \$750 per month, \$750 security deposit required. Call 989-705-8600. (7/31/2008tf/2)

BEAUTIFUL FULLY FURNISHED Luxury apartment in downtown Grayling on the AuSable River. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Open living room design. \$900 a month plus utilities. Includes all lawn maintenance and snowplowing. 989-370-1290. (10/2/08tf/2)

NEWLY REMODELED Fully furnished 2 1/2 bedroom home on west side of Houghton Lake. \$600 a month plus utilities. Perfect for temporary workers. 989-370-1290. (10/2/08tf/2)

3 BEDROOM HOUSE \$600 monthly. 989-450-9742. (-11-25-8/2)

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5728 M-72 West
(989) 348-7440
www.remax-grayling-mi.com

REDUCED

GREAT INVESTMENT!! Large family home on corner city lot. 2000 s.f. with three bedrooms and two baths located in the City of Grayling. Partial finished basement, large family room and enclosed porch. 1 1/2 car detached garage. Close to schools and the AuSable River. CH-2769 \$34,900

REDUCED

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REMOTE 10 ACRES WITH BEAUTIFUL 1,680 S.F. HOME Three bedrooms, two baths, and partial basement. Located near Blue Lake with state land on three sides. A hunters paradise or sportsmans dream. Never home features pine and ceramic floors, knotty pine ceiling, 8 foot downwall onto covered porch, and spacious floor plan. Radiant heat flooring ready for boiler. All appliances and furnishings stay with home. CH-2700 \$185,000

ACREAGE

10 ACRES ADJOINING STATE LAND TO THE SOUTH. 3 bedroom, 2 bath offers 2063 square feet of quality living space. Features include don, formal dining area, full basement, garden tub in master suite with walk-in closet, French doors, large kitchen with snack bar, deck off breakfast nook. Adjoins state land to the south. snowmobile trails close by. CS-2785 \$99,000

ACREAGE

SECLUDED SETTING ON 4.65 ACRES OF HARDWOODS Stunning 4.5 bedroom, 4 baths, 3,666 sq ft. includes full finished basement. Open floor plan with cathedral ceilings with 2 bedroom loft. Family room in basement with recreational room. Master suite offers private bath. All appliances are included. Walk-in closets. Large mud room. Snowmobile trails off W. Bear Lake Rd. State land kitty corner from home. close to Manistee River and several lakes. (all sports and non-sports hikes) CS-2788 \$25,000

ACREAGE

10 ACRES WITH BEAUTIFUL HARDWOODS - Close to State Land and snowmobiling. Hardwoods with Maple and Beech. Coyote Trail off Sherman Road. CS-2742 \$26,500

Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun. By Appt. Only

2. For Rent

3 BEDROOM HOUSE For rent. Close to business district and schools with fenced in yard. \$600 a month. Possible land contract terms available. Call 231-301-2971 for details. (-11/2)

HOME FOR RENT 3 bedroom, 2 bath, wooded area, no pets, utilities and security deposit. Call Christine, 989-348-8621. (-4-11/2)

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

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4. Services Offered

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

4. Services Offered

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SNOW PLOWING Reasonable rates, Grayling area. 989-390-1367 or 989-745-1850. (-11-18-25-1/4)

5. For Sale

SNOWMOBILE 1995 Yamaha 340 Ovation. Good condition, \$600. 348-8647. (-11/5)

CABIN LOGS rough sawn lumber, kiln dried lumber, tongue & groove, log siding, custom sawing. T. Warren Sawmill. 989-619-0840. (LR01/29/08/5)

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WAKELEY'S FIREWOOD seasoned oak, cut, split & delivered \$55 a cord. Minimum 2 cord. 989-348-7839 or 989-348-8280. (-4-11-18-25/5)

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MARTY'S FIREWOOD Oak firewood \$55 per face cord. Also Popular, Maple, Cherry - for less. Buyers of standing or down timber, 989-390-3930. (-6-13-20-27-4-11/5)

.32 CARAT DIAMOND Engagement ring with 14k yellow gold. Appraised at \$1,300, asking \$800. Never used, must sell. 390-4172. (-11-18/5)

7. Miscellaneous

HARDBODYZ SPORTS CLUB
TOTAL CONDITIONING CLASS
TUESDAY & THURSDAY 6PM
348-7199

5. For Sale

CHRISTMAS TREES Douglas and concolor fir, blackhills, blue spruce, wreaths, grave blankets and garland. King's Farm, Houghton Lake. Cell, 989-965-0659 or 989-422-3002. Open November 14 - December 23, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily. Taking pre-orders for wreaths and grave blankets. Special on blue spruce, five to six foot for \$10. (-6-13-20-27-4-11/5)

YAMAHA LS 2000 270 hp jet boat, year 2000. A must see, very low hours. \$10,500 OBO, must sell. 989-344-8802 or 231-624-0107. (11/13/08tf/5)

1995 SKI DOO Formula S 380 cc, \$650. 2,700 miles, very good condition. 348-4735. (-4-11/5)

NEW Troy Bilt 42 inch Super Bronco tractor. 19 hp, extra warranty, \$700 firm. New in box, 175 lb. Ten Point Fusion, full power scope, arrows, built on hand crank and extras, \$750. Call 348-8630. (-4-11/5)

1999 SKI DOO MXZ 600, 2,162 miles with studs and pipes, \$1,800. 231-229-5015. (-11-18-25-1/5)

6. Wanted

WARREN FOREST PRODUCTS Now buying standing timber. Call 989-348-7133 during day and leave a message. Evenings call 231-229-4845, ask for Chan. (LR01/29/08/6)

BUYING JUNK VEHICLES Price varies with size but will pay the most. Call Don at 231-587-0856 or 888-468-7313. (10/11/07tf/6)

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8. Announcements

HARDBODYZ SPORTS CLUB
SILVERSHAKERS CLASS
MONDAY & FRIDAY
10:30AM

NOTICE

The Crawford AuSable School District is accepting applications for an appointment on the School Board of Education through June 2009.

Deadline:
Written application must be relieved by the Central Office (located inside the high school), Attn: Secretary of the Board, no later than Noon on Tuesday, December 23, 2008.

If any questions, please call Superintendent Joe Powers at 344-3750.

Crawford AuSable School District
1135 N. Old 27 Grayling, MI 49738

EARLY HOLIDAY DEADLINES

CHRISTMAS DEADLINES

The December 25th Avalanche will be on the newsstands on Tuesday, December 23rd. Deadlines for the December 25th edition are:

Display Ads: Thurs. Dec. 18 at 5 pm
Community News: Fri. Dec. 19 at noon
Classified Display Ads: Fri. Dec. 19 at noon
Classified Ads by the word: Mon. Dec. 22 at noon

Our office will close at noon on Wednesday, December 24.

The Avalanche office will reopen on Friday, December 26, at 9 am.

6. Wanted

BUYING SCRAP METAL All grades. SMR 989-275-6041. (10/16/08tf/6)

WANTED Electric washer and dryer, very reasonable. 348-4765 or 390-4388. (-11/6)

7. Miscellaneous

BRING IN a canned good or any nonperishable item, December 15th or 16th, to Westside Diner and receive 10 percent off your meal. Everything donated to the Christian Help Center. (-11/7)

8. Announcements

MOVING AUCTION December 13, 10 a.m. Perry Creek & M-33, Mio. Furniture; glass; pottery; porcelain; household; collectibles; movies & Xbox games; garage related; coins & more! View online or call. Lets Talk Auction! 989-848-5158. www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-11/8)

ANYONE WISHING TO DONATE to the American Legion Children's Christmas Party may do so by dropping off your donations at the Legion anytime before December 12th. Unwrapped toys for boys and girls and/or cash would be greatly appreciated. The party will be held on the 13th of December. (-4-11/8)

HALL FOR RENT American Legion Post 106, Grayling, with kitchen. Newly remodeled, smoke free. All occasions. Contact manager 348-7232. (-18-2-16-30-13-27-11-25/8)

PROPANE COST HAS DECREASED We appreciate our customers and effective October 13, 2008, will pass this on to all. This propane decrease includes our customers who previously enrolled in one of our price protection plans. This is subject to change at any time but we will do our best to keep your propane cost down. Thank you for your business. Fick & Sons Inc. (10/16/08tf/8)

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9. Personals

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Announcements

COOKIE SALE On Saturday, December 13th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Mary's Family Center, Spruce Street. (-11/8)

BRING IN a canned good or any nonperishable item, December 15th or 16th, to Westside Diner and receive 10 percent off your meal. Everything donated to the Christian Help Center. (-11/8)

MIP and anger management programs. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (10/11/07tf/8)

Automotive

CAR DETAILING Let JJ's Motor Mall make your vehicle sparkle inside & out! 348-7710. (5/31/07tf/11)

AUTO GLASS repair and replacement now available at JJ's Auto Glass. 348-7710. (9/29/05tf/11)

FOR SALE 1991 Dodge 4x4, runs good, can be seen at USA Trailers or call 344-8034. \$900. (-11/11)

THE CAR LOT is always open in the Avalanche classifieds. (989) 348-6811

Automotive

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
ITEMS FOR SALE

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office will accept sealed bids from Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. until Friday, December 12, 2008 at 12:00 noon, at their office located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738, for the sale of the vehicles listed below.

ITEM #1
2003 Ford Crown Victoria,
VIN#2FACP71W773X221785, 131,450 miles, minimum bid \$500.00

ITEM #2
2004 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN#2FACP71W04X167120, 122,350 miles, minimum bid \$500.00

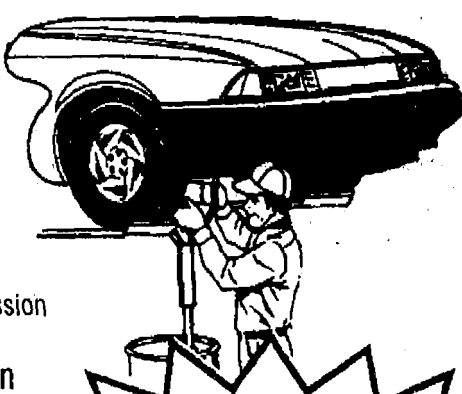
ITEM #3
1998 Ford Expedition, VIN#1FMPU18L4WLB19695, 163,575 miles, minimum bid \$500.00

ITEM #4
2004 Chevrolet Pickup 2500 HD,
VIN#1GCHK24U54E219230, 78,736 miles, minimum bid \$9,000.00

Vehicles may be viewed in the main parking lot near the green dumpster. The highest bidder will be contacted on Friday, December 12, 2008, after 1:00 p.m. and bid payment will be expected. Sales are as is and final.

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Joe White (120), left, wrestles against Rogers City on Saturday during the Roscommon Invitational. Josh Moggo (140), right, pins a Rogers City opponent.



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Wrestling team defeats Mio,
Pinconning in season opener

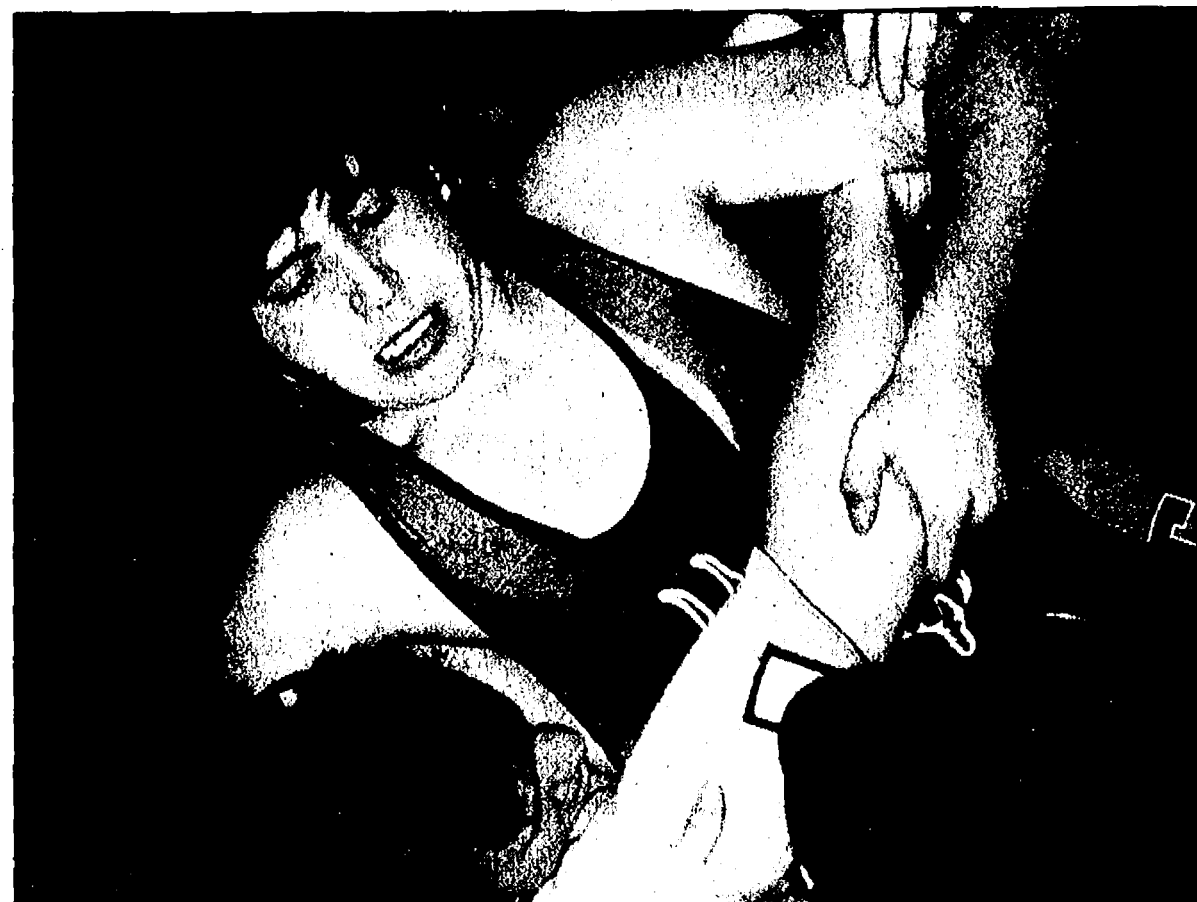
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The Vikings defeated Houghton Lake 48-24 in their second match of the tournament.

Will Fowler (135), Moggo (140), Collen (145), Contreras (189), and Townsend (215) all won with pins. Zach Wolcott (152), Ashten Linkhart (112), and White (120) won by default.

In their final three matches, Grayling posted a 2-1 record. The Vikings defeated Manton (52-30) and Essexville Garber (48-21), but lost to Roscommon (48-31).

Four Vikings - Collen, Moggo, White, and Townsend - won all five of their matches on Saturday and received medals for being the best in their weight classes. Collen received a plaque for being



Joey Contreras (189) tries to pin his Rogers City counterpart during the Roscommon Invitational on Saturday.

voted the "best overall wrestler of the tournament."

The Vikings (5-2) will host Kalkaska and Traverse City St. Francis at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11.



Kyle Peters (heavyweight) wrestles against Houghton Lake on Saturday.



Ashten Linkhart (112) battles a Rogers City opponent.



Jerry Bergey (103) wrestles for GHS vs. Rogers City at the Roscommon Invitational.



Shane Grove (171) grapples with a Houghton Lake wrestler on Saturday.

Bowling Leagues

Recreation League
GMH-NCC. 37 - 19
Robin Smith CPA. . . 32 - 24
Days Inn. 30 - 26
Glen's Market. . . . 30 - 26
Grayling Nursing. . 27 - 29
TNT Charter. 24 - 32
American Legion. . 22 - 34
Woody Girls. 22 - 34
High Series: P. D'Amour 516; S. Harney, 502; D. Mead, 500. High Game: P. D'Amour, 203; S. Harney, 194; D. Mead, 187.

Senior League
Dana Transport. . . 33 - 23
Gaylord Electric. . 32 - 24
Lone Pine. 31 - 25
Flowers By Josie. . 30 - 26
Kicking Grass. . . . 28 - 28
Sylvester's Sports. . 27 - 29
Spike's. 25 - 31
Bear's Den Pizza. . 20 - 36
High Series Women: C. Clark, 489; H. Stairs and P. Harris, 478. High Game

Women: P. Harris, 186; M. Rysso, 185; C. Clark, 182.
High Series Men: A. Smith, 565; B. Hollis, 560; B. Holton, 552. High Game Men: B. Holton, 218; B. Hollis, 213; A. Smith, 209.

Pioneer League
Grayling Rest. . . . 37 - 15
Ole Dam Store. . . . 34 - 18
Eagles Nest. 29 - 23
T.C. Lawncare. . . . 28 - 24
5 B's. 24 - 28
American Legion. . 23 - 29
Ball Busters. 19 - 33
Tim's Collision. . . . 14 - 38
High Series: L. Golnick, 519; P. D'Amour, 511; B. LaMotte, 499. High Game: Calkins, 205; B. LaMotte, 202; L. Golnick, 199.

Friday Mixed Doubles
Double Trouble. 59.5 - 38.5
Canadian Steak. . . 57 - 41
Fred's of Rosco. . . 53 - 45

McDonald's. 53 - 45
Miller Spillers. . . 49.5 - 48.5
Last Call. 49 - 49
L & L Hauling. . . . 38 - 60
Legion. 33 - 65
High Series Women: P. Younglove, 551; J. Williamson, 499; S. Johnson, 495. High Game Women: P. Younglove, 223; J. Williamson, 188; S. Johnson, 187. High Series Men: P. Lewis, 603; P. Benardo, 585; J. Lehman, 546. High Game Men: P. Lewis, 237; D. Williamson, 225; J. Lehman, 214.

American Men's League
McLean's Ace. . . . 36 - 13
Dragon Repair. . . . 32 - 17
McNamara Ford. . . 29 - 20
Sky Ripper. 26 - 23
Moore's Auto. 22 - 27
GADCO. 21 - 28
Fenton's Auto. . . . 19 - 30
High Series: B. Gulick, 654;

J. Arwood, 628; P. Benardo, 625. High Game: J. Arwood, 247; B. Gulick, 235; J. Thayer, 222.

Thursday Morning Coffee
Three Amigos. . . . 29 - 15
Misfits. 26 - 18
Casino Bums. 25 - 19
Bill's Harem. 24 - 20
Snow Tops. 21.5 - 22.5
Rosebuds. 21.5 - 22.5
Pin Slayers. 19 - 25
Ladybugs. 10 - 34
High Series Women: C. Clark, 450; B. Wotring, 435; J. Leask, 430. High Game Women: J. Leask, 180; B. Wotring, 161; K. King, 157. High Series Men: P. Faustman, 548; E. Brosky, 496; D. Germain, 483. High Game Men: P. Faustman, 233; E. Brosky, 177; D. Germain, 175.